

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, YOUTH AND SPORTS
OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
CONCERNING
ESTABLISHMENT OF A CIVIL NUCLEAR COOPERATION CENTER

The Department of Energy of the United States of America and the Department of State of the United States of America, on one side, and the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic, on the other side, hereinafter together the “Participants”:

AFFIRMING the strong support of the United States of America and the Czech Republic for the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, done at Washington, London, and Moscow July 1, 1968, and for the safeguards system of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), including the Additional Protocol to IAEA comprehensive safeguards agreements;

NOTING their desire to enhance communication and cooperation on civil nuclear energy-related matters of common interest, foster collaboration among scientists, laboratories, research institutes and universities of the Participants’ countries, and facilitate and promote cooperation in research and development in a broad range of nuclear energy sciences and technologies;

NOTING the Agreement for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy between the United States of America and the European Atomic Energy Community, signed at Brussels November 7, 1995, and March 29, 1996;

NOTING the Joint Declaration between the Department of Commerce and the Department of Energy of the United States of America and the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic Concerning Industrial and Commercial Cooperation in the Nuclear Energy Sector of December 6, 2010, which emphasized the importance of nuclear science and technology information exchange and cooperation; and

NOTING the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Energy of the United States of America and the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic in the Field of Nuclear Energy of December 12, 2012,

Have reached the following understanding:

Section 1 Objective

The Participants intend to cooperate, subject to the national laws and regulations of their respective countries, and within the limits of available resources, to establish a Civil Nuclear Cooperation Center (the “Center”) in Prague to facilitate and coordinate joint work and exchange information on the scientific, technical and commercial aspects of nuclear energy technologies and on nuclear security and nonproliferation issues.

Section 2 Scope of Planned Cooperation

1. The Center is to be located at the Czech Technical University in Prague.
2. An Advisory Board may be created to provide technical and policy guidance to the Center as well as to help develop its activities.
3. Potential activities to be performed under the auspices of the Center may include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Sharing of information on civil nuclear technology or policy developments, including in the areas of nuclear safety; fuel cycle and reactor technologies; the management of radioactive waste and spent fuel; nuclear security and nonproliferation issues; and international frameworks for nuclear energy cooperation;
 - b. Organization of bilateral or multilateral workshops; symposia, or seminars;
 - c. Civilian nuclear training and other human resource development or educational activities; and
 - d. Academic and personnel visits and exchanges.

Section 3 General Considerations

1. This Memorandum of Understanding, hereinafter the “Memorandum”, does not constitute a legally binding commitment.
2. Any questions relating to this Memorandum should be resolved by consultations between the Participants.
3. Each Participant’s participation in the cooperation activities to be carried out in the framework of this Memorandum is to be subject to the availability of funds, resources, and personnel. All conditions for cooperation are to be defined by supporting documentation between the Participants or their designated implementing agents, unless the Participants determine otherwise in writing.

Section 4
Commencement, Modification, and Discontinuation

1. Cooperation under this Memorandum is to commence upon signature.
2. This Memorandum may be modified at any time by the Participants' mutual consent in writing.
3. The Participants may discontinue cooperative activities carried out in the framework of this Memorandum at any time by mutual consent in writing. Alternatively, a Participant that wishes to discontinue its participation in cooperative activities carried out in the framework of this Memorandum should endeavor to provide at least 90 days' advance written notice to the other Participant.

Signed at Prague, in duplicate, this 12th day of June 2013, in the English and Czech languages.

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OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:



FOR THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION,
YOUTH AND SPORTS OF THE CZECH
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