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Press Release

NPCIL and WEC, USA sign MOU for setting up AP1000 Reactors in India.

Mumbai May 28, 2009 - Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) and Westinghouse Electric Company (WEC), USA signed an MOU for starting discussions on Techno-Commercial aspects of AP1000 Reactors in India.

The MOU between the two companies follows signing of the co operation agreement between the Government of India and the Government of the United States of America in October last year.


NPCIL, a Government of India company, has acquired comprehensive capability in all facets of nuclear power reactors. NPCIL has, at present, 17 nuclear power reactors in operation and 5 nuclear power reactors are under advanced stages of construction. NPCIL has plans for a significant capacity addition in nuclear power generation. In addition to further indigenous Nuclear Power Plant program including constructing of 700 MWe PHWR, it has planned setting up of power reactors of 1000 MWe or higher unit size based on international cooperation.

The agreement was signed by Dr. S.K. Jain, Chairman and Managing Director of NPCIL and Dr. Aris S. Candris, President and Chief Executive Officer, WEC in presence of Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Chairman, AEC and other senior officials of DAE and NPCIL.

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The signing of this MOU is another milestone in engagement of NPCIL and WEC for preparing the contract and related details of setting up of multiple AP1000 Reactors in India. NPCIL has already signed MOUs' with General Electric-Hitachi (GEH), USA for setting up of Advanced Boiling Water Reactors in India, and Areva France, for EPR Reactors.

In addition NPCIL is engaged with Atomstroyexport, RF for additional VVER-1000 reactors at Kudankulam, where two VVER-1000 Units are at present in final stages of construction.



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