

Department of Energy and Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports, Science and Technology Sign Arrangement

The United States Department of Energy (DOE) and Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) signed the Implementing Arrangement concerning cooperation in the field of research and development of innovative nuclear energy technologies (I-NERI) on Tuesday, February 8, 2005.

The arrangement increases nuclear cooperation by allowing for research on the Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology's (NE) new initiatives, specifically focusing on innovative nuclear reactor technologies; innovative processing technologies; and innovative fuel technologies using solvent extraction and other areas as both sides may agree to in writing.

On May 26, 2004, DOE also signed the Implementing Arrangement concerning cooperation in the joint nuclear energy research initiative (I-NERI) with Japan's Agency for Natural Resources and Energy (ANRE). Both of these Arrangements will increase U.S. nuclear collaboration with Japanese researchers. 2/8/2005