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NuGen signs up to protocol

NuGen has today signed up to the Regulatory Nuclear Interface Protocol (RNIP).

Developed between ONR, the Nuclear Safety Directors' Forum and other regulators, RNIP is an agreement between licensees and regulators which aims to find and implement effective ways of working, facilitate improvement and to open up a strategic dialogue on key issues. This is all with the shared goal of enabling the safe, secure, effective use and control of nuclear technology.

"RNIP sets out the expectations of the nuclear industry and regulators about how we deal with each other," said ONR's Deputy Chief Inspector, Colin Patchett. "That's about working towards a shared aim of securing a safe and secure nuclear industry, which is why we're very pleased that NuGen has signed up."

Alfio Vidal, Chief Nuclear Director of NuGen said: "We are absolutely delighted to be signing the RNIP today to formalise the relationship we have started to build with the Office for Nuclear Regulation. Our unwavering commitment as a nuclear developer to safe and responsible ways of working is at the core of our business and as our project starts to gather momentum we are looking forward to working with the ONR on the activities required to establish our site licence company".

Colin Patchett added: "NuGen and other licensees recognise the need for an effective regulator. RNIP principles help us to find the balance between understanding the realities of operating a nuclear power station and ensuring that the hazard to people and society from it remains as low as reasonably practicable".

For further information visit:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/nuclear/news/2011/sep-nugen-protocol.htm>



From left to right - Joe McHugh, Environment Agency, Olivier Carret, Chief Operating Director of NuGen, Mike Weightman, Chief Nuclear Inspector and Alfio Vidal, Chief Nuclear Director of NuGen