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JOINT STATEMENT

Japan-U.S. Atomic Industrial Forums' Conference on "Some Special Problems in Nuclear Power Development"

Representatives of the United States and Japan Atomic industries, under the joint sponsorship of the Atomic Industrial Forums of the two countries, have held a three-day meeting to discuss the status and future of atomic power development. Representatives of the U.S. and Japan Atomic Energy Commissions have participated in the informal discussions.

The conference has focused on four principal topics: nuclear fuels, reactor safety and siting, nuclear liability, and reactor research and development. The discussions have proved beneficial in promoting mutual understanding, in clarifying issues of mutual concern, and in identifying further problems that warrant future cooperative efforts in seeking satisfactory solutions.

It is agreed that the conference has proved most constructive and has again demonstrated the value of a free and informal exchange of ideas and opinions on problems of mutual interest to the two countries. Among other things, the conference discussions have:

and similar conferences will be considered in future

- a. clarified a number of important aspects of United States policy governing the supply of enriched uranium for reactors located outside the United States;
- b. indicated the similarity of approach between the U.S. and Japanese atomic industries to the problems of reactor safety and siting;
- c. suggested the need for further effort in arriving at a satisfactory understanding of the nuclear liability problem;
- d. produced a suggestion by U.S. industry and AEC representatives that arrangements be made to permit the participation of Japanese scientists and engineers in reactor safety research and development programs being carried out in the U.S. and
- e. confirmed the advantage of continued exchange of information and views between comparable committees of the U.S. and Japan Atomic Industrial Forums.

The Japanese rep. expressed considerable interest in this suggestion and will take it under advisement. ~~something about future meeting~~