



18 October, 2011

Director General Yukiya Amano
International Atomic Energy Agency
P.O. Box 100
A-1400 Vienna
Austria

Dear Mr. Amano,

On September 20 INRA (the International Nuclear Regulators Association) had a meeting in Vienna discussing among other things the proposed IAEA Action Plan on Nuclear Safety. As you may recall, INRA is an association composed of the heads of the nuclear regulatory bodies in Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Republic of Korea, Spain, USA, UK and Sweden.

INRA strongly supports and acknowledges the success of the approval of the Action Plan at the 55th General Conference. However, while we recognize the importance of the very extensive Action Plan, there is a risk that the plan remains a paper product and will not be implemented strongly enough. Therefore implementation must be ensured and we are optimistic in seeing the creation of an implementation task force at the Agency. INRA feels that all nuclear regulators and operators over the world have a responsibility to contribute to the Action Plan's implementation.

INRA would like to point out some items of the Action Plan which are especially important in our view:

- To make sure that "stress tests" are carried out in all IAEA Member States with nuclear power plants and that the results are shared between all relevant stakeholders.
- To strengthen existing IAEA peer reviews and enhance transparency by making public where and when peer reviews have taken place and to make publicly available in a timely manner the results of these reviews.
- To make sure that all IAEA Member States with nuclear power plants host IRRS missions and OSART missions on a regular basis as well as associated follow up missions.
- To make sure that the IAEA Safety Standards are continuously reviewed and strengthened in a prioritized sequence and their implementation improved.
- And, to strengthen communications between Member States in a crisis situation.

INRA members are prepared to contribute in all possible ways to ensure implementation of these items with an aim to lead by example. We hope other nuclear regulators will also play a leadership role in supporting the Action Plan. Following our review processes, we are prepared to report on common findings. As chair of INRA I look forward to hear from you how we could further assist the IAEA in this implementation effort.

Yours sincerely,

Ann-Louise Eksborg
Director General
Swedish Radiation Safety Authority
Email: ann-louise.eksborg@ssm.se

CC: Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Permanent Missions of Member States of the Atomic Energy Agency