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THE NRC AND THAILAND'S OFFICE OF ATOMS FOR PEACE CONDUCT NUCLEAR POWER PLANT WORKSHOP

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Office of Atoms for Peace (OAP) of the Kingdom of Thailand held a workshop in Bangkok, Thailand, from June 28 to 30, on best ways to regulate the location of nuclear power plants in that country. The workshop is part of NRC's program to help countries develop sustainable regulatory programs to protect people and the environment.

During the workshop, NRC experts shared their experience developing nuclear safety and security requirements covering the locations of nuclear power plants. Participants also discussed areas of potential cooperation. The OAP will use results of this workshop while developing a regulatory framework for approving a site for the first commercial nuclear power plant in Thailand. The OAP is Thailand's regulatory authority for the production and use of nuclear energy and radioactive materials.

The NRC, which oversees 104 commercial nuclear power plants in the United States and thousands of radioactive materials users, has a long history of assisting countries with regulatory infrastructure development related to radioactive sources and nuclear power plants. In 2009, the NRC expanded assistance efforts to include support for countries considering new nuclear programs. The NRC has also worked closely with the International Atomic Energy Agency to emphasize the importance of creating strong, independent regulatory bodies before countries start any new nuclear power programs.

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