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EURATOM - United States agreement for exchange of  
information concerning a cooperative programme in the field  
of management of radioactive wastes

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A cooperative agreement between the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) and the United States Department of Energy was signed in Brussels today (October 6, 1982) covering an information exchange in the field of management of radioactive wastes.

The agreement was signed by His Excellency Mr. George VEST, Ambassador of the United States of America to the European Communities and, on behalf of Euratom, by Vice-President Wilhelm HAFERKAMP.

The cooperation agreement will last initially five years with the possibility of renewal thereafter. This agreement adds to other cooperation between Euratom and the United States in fields such as nuclear safety and safeguards research and development.

Both Euratom and the US Department of Energy pursue programmes of research into management and storage of radioactive waste and they will now form the basis of their joint effort. To start with this cooperation will concentrate on two research areas which are the characterization of waste forms and the disposal in geologic formations. Further joint activities may be added by mutual agreement.

Cooperation will be carried out through the exchange of scientific and technical information, of results and methods of research and development in this field. The agreement covers also the exchange of scientific equipment and provides for protection of intellectual property of both sides.