

Dear colleagues,

Yesterday, we informally notified the IAEA conference organizers of the following:

- Representatives from the Department of Energy's Office of Nuclear Energy and DOE/NE contractors at the National Labs are currently unable to travel to Russia, which means they will not be able to attend the IAEA's Fast Reactor conference in June.
- We would like to assure you that this does not reflect on our views about IAEA activities or the subject matter of the conference. We greatly value cooperation with the IAEA and plan to continue to do so whenever we can.
- U.S. representatives who are attending of the International Scientific Program Committee (ISPC) meeting will do everything they can to assist the organizers in adjusting the program to minimize the impacts.
- U.S. industry and universities may still choose to participate in the conference if they desire.

Several US DOE lab representatives are in Vienna this week working with the organizers to adjust the program to reflect our absence. As noted above, other elements of the U.S. government may still chose send representatives. Industry and academia may also choose to attend, provided they are not travelling on DOE-NE funding. Regardless of your participation, we are working to include final approved papers in the conference proceedings, if IAEA will agree.

Feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions, or you may contact Andrea Duskas at the US Mission in Vienna.

Best regards,

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