

Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee (CINTAC) Meeting

Eighth Charter, 2022-2024

Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. EDT

In-person, HCHB Room 1412

MINUTES

10:00 – 10:05

Welcome and Roll Call

- Jonathan Chesebro, Designated Federal Officer of the CINTAC, U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration (DOC/ITA)
- Mr. Chesebro Welcomed meeting participants and took roll call.

10:05 – 10:10

Review Meeting Goals

- Speaker: Carol Berrigan, CINTAC Chair
- Ms. Berrigan noted that the committee's Charter was coming to an end and encouraged the committee to begin final deliberations on the recommendations for the Secretary.

10:10 – 11:00

Briefing: TeamUSA Update

- Purpose: U.S. Government (USG) interagency representatives from the TeamUSA Civil Nuclear Working Group will provide updates to CINTAC on their international civil nuclear activities
- Speakers:
 - Lauren Joyce, Chief of Staff & Senior Policy Advisor, Office of International Nuclear Energy Policy and Cooperation, U.S. Department of Energy

Ms. Joyce noted that the Uranium ban was signed by the President on 5/13. The law comes into force 90 days after that date. The current waiver process is in place. She noted that for industry there could be increased fuel cost and encouraged domestic enrichment to offset this issue.

- Kirsten Cutler, Senior Strategist for Nuclear Innovation, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation (ISN), U.S. Department of State

Ms. Cutler noted that following the signing of the Uranium ban the Department of State issued a *démarche* for 100 countries encouraging them to put in place a similar policy. She also noted that the Department's NEXT program is soliciting applications from Eastern Europe and Western Asian nations. The program offers project prep tools for those nations looking at SMR options. Companies can respond to the Public Notice that listed on January 1.



- Randy Howell (NRC)
Mr. Howell noted that while the NRC has regulatory independence, they try to follow the administration's policy guidance on prioritizing nations. NRC is focusing on regulatory cooperation with Great Britain and Canada.
- Carl B. Kress, Regional Director, Middle East, North Africa, Europe and Eurasia, U.S. Trade and Development Agency
Mr. Kress highlighted the event at Oakridge National Lab in Tennessee, on October 7. He noted this was the first of a series. The next workshop will be in Turkey, and then a workshop on Ukraine held in Poland. Beyond that they are looking at Bulgaria as a final site.

11:00 – 12:00

Discussion: Proposed CINTAC Letters

- Purpose: The subcommittees introduced their work on various letters of recommendation for the Secretary. They discussed which could be finalized during this Charter and discussed a strategy to be more productive in this area under the next charter.

12:00 – 1:00

Working Lunch - CINTAC Subcommittee Breakout Sessions

- Purpose: Subcommittee breakout sessions to discuss proposed recommendations from their subcommittee.

1:30 – 2:30

CINTAC Subcommittee Readouts

- Purpose: Subcommittees provided readouts of their breakout sessions to the entire CINTAC, specifically highlighting those that would result in recommendations to the Secretary.

2:30 – 3:00

Conclusion and Next Steps

- Speakers: Jonathan Chesebro, CINTAC DFO, and CINTAC Chair Carol Berrigan
- Mr. Chesebro and Ms. Berrigan thanked the attendees for attending and for the lively and productive discussion. They announced that the final meeting of the Charter will take place on July 18 at 10 am.

3:00 – 4:00

Public Comment & Adjourn

- Members of the Public:
 - The sole member of the public to attend, Gene Carpenter of Booz Allen Hamilton, thanked the committee for allowing him to listen to the meeting which he found informative.