

CINTAC

Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee

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The Honorable Wilbur L. Ross
Secretary
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Ross:

The Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee (CINTAC) congratulates you on your confirmation as Secretary of Commerce.

The CINTAC is comprised of representatives of America's leading nuclear energy companies and non-governmental organizations, and we see significant opportunity to advise you on actions in our industry that are supportive of the Trump Administration's economic goals.

In an international civil nuclear market valued in excess of \$1 trillion dollars over the next 20 years, the benefits of civil nuclear exports are vital to America's national and energy security interests, and to maintaining our position as leaders in nuclear energy innovation, non-proliferation, and safety. **At stake in this market are billions of dollars per year in U.S. exports, supporting tens of thousands of highly skilled American jobs.** When a U.S. firm wins a major deal, it creates long-term commercial opportunities and encourages deeper engagement with other nations.

The new CINTAC V has convened and is developing an action plan in our first 100 days focused on (1) promoting the U.S. nuclear industry abroad; (2) enhancing the competitiveness of the U.S. nuclear industry; and (3) eliminating barriers to international nuclear trade. We also will work to increase awareness within the Administration of the strategic benefits of maintaining a strong commercial nuclear energy industry in the global marketplace.

While we develop our action plan, below are near-term actions that we encourage you to take in coordination with the Departments of Energy and State and the National Security Council:

Promote the U.S. Nuclear Industry

- In the first six months, develop a strategic plan to bolster U.S. nuclear industry exports.
- Advocate for a dedicated, full-time White House position to coordinate the Administration's civil nuclear efforts, increase awareness of nuclear energy's strategic importance, and advance the civilian nuclear industry.

- Encourage immediate nomination of a full slate of directors to restore quorum at U.S. Ex-Im Bank. The current stalemate is an impediment to U.S. companies' efforts and hands international reactor sales opportunities to our foreign competition.

Enhance the Competitiveness of the U.S. Nuclear Industry

- Advocate for amendment of Executive Order 13693 Planning for Federal Sustainability in the Next Decade, issued March 19, 2015, to recognize all nuclear energy as clean energy technology.

Eliminate Barriers to International Nuclear Trade

- Support issuance of an Executive Order directing an expedited process to approve Part 810 specific authorization requests to export certain civilian nuclear technology.
- Seek implementation of pending civil nuclear agreements, including a Section 123 Agreement with Mexico, and encourage China, Mexico, and South Korea to adopt the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage, with consistent legislation.

The United States operates the safest, largest, and most efficient reactor fleet in the world. We represent the global gold standard for the industry, have the world's premier national research laboratories, and offer the most highly recognized academic programs in nuclear engineering. U.S. companies are leaders in nuclear innovation and major exporters of reactor technology.

Yet competition in the civil nuclear export market presents extreme challenges for U.S. companies. Since 2007, foreign competitors—in particular, state-owned enterprises in Russia, China, South Korea and France—have captured market share at the expense of U.S. companies following extensive, strategic support from their governments.

CINTAC is eager to support the Department of Commerce and the Administration in sustaining American leadership in the global civilian nuclear industry and in increasing awareness of the strategic value of nuclear energy and civil nuclear exports. We appreciate your attention to the above recommendations and request a meeting with you at your earliest convenience to discuss the above recommendations in greater detail.

Sincerely and on behalf of the members of the CINTAC,



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