

CINTAC

Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee

June 1, 2017

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

As the advisory committee comprised of America's leading nuclear energy companies and charged with counsel to the U.S. Department of Commerce on civil nuclear trade issues, the Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee (CINTAC) is writing to advocate your active support for the establishment of a Director for Nuclear Energy in the Executive Office of the President. This initiative was among the near-term actions cited by the CINTAC in our letter to you on February 28, 2017, regarding a dedicated White House position to coordinate the Administration's civil nuclear efforts, increase awareness in the U.S. Government of nuclear energy's strategic importance, advance U.S. civil nuclear industry global competitiveness, increase civil nuclear exports, and enhance U.S. clean energy leadership.

The reestablishment of this advocacy and coordinating position – which was eliminated in 2016 by the Obama Administration – is especially important at this time given the unprecedented challenges faced by U.S. industry from state-owned foreign competitors in the trillion-dollar international civil nuclear market. U.S. leadership in nuclear energy is at a tipping point. This has increased the imperative to take a long-term strategic view of civil nuclear energy from our existing capabilities to developing next generation advanced reactors to maintain our leadership. A number of foreign competitors have been very aggressive in exporting traditional reactors, as well as partnering with other nations on the potential for advanced reactors. In addition to direct financial assistance, these competitors benefit from strong coordination and advocacy functions within top levels of their governments. The absence of a White House position fully committed to nuclear energy advocacy exacerbates this competitive disadvantage. At stake in this market are billions of dollars per year in U.S. exports supporting tens of thousands of highly-skilled American jobs.

The CINTAC's strong support for this position emanates from our members' institutional knowledge and experience working within the myriad of U.S. statutes and government agencies regulating civil nuclear trade. Civil nuclear policy has a unique and critical requirement of federal coordination. U.S. nuclear trade is subject to unusually complex statutory and regulatory requirements, including bilateral cooperation agreements and an export control regime that is administered by three departments and agencies. This is well-documented in the June 2011

CINTAC letter to then Secretary Gary Locke (attached) that recommended the creation of the position.

Current "TeamUSA" interagency coordination (which includes the U.S. Departments of Commerce, Energy and State, the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and other agencies) in support of the U.S. industry has been valuable, but would be greatly enhanced by reestablishing this position. The benefits of this position are clear in the tangible accomplishments achieved before it was eliminated. We can say without equivocation that this position was consequential to significant results in terms of U.S. exports and jobs, enhanced U.S. government effectiveness, and strengthened national security. It is abundantly clear that reestablishing this position at the White House would increase the effectiveness of U.S. government trade-support programs, enhance the competitive position of U.S. companies engaged in global civil nuclear markets, and strengthen U.S. nuclear security and nonproliferation objectives.

We urge you to formally convey to the President, the National Economic Council, and the National Security Council, the need for a Director for Nuclear Energy at the White House and the impact that this position has on U.S. exports, jobs and security interests.

Sincerely and on behalf of the members of the CINTAC,



Gary Wolski, Chairman



Chris Colbert, Vice Chairman

Cc: U.S. Secretary of State
U.S. Secretary of Energy
National Security Advisor
Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Director, National Economic Council
Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States

Attachment: June 2011 CINTAC Letter regarding White House Director for Nuclear Energy Position

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Attachment: June 2011 CINTAC Letter regarding White House Director for Nuclear Energy Position

June 16, 2011

The Honorable Gary Locke
Secretary
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1401 Constitution Ave., NW
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Dear Secretary Locke,

The Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee (CINTAC) continues to be grateful for your strong support of the work of the committee, and of the U.S. civil nuclear industry. In September 2010, the first CINTAC provided you with a set of recommendations that included the establishment of an Office for Civilian Nuclear Policy within the National Security Council. We endorse those earlier recommendations, and would like to add specific recommendations concerning the role of this Office and its Director.

The United States has vital security, safety and economic interests in the rapidly expanding, world-wide development of nuclear power. These complex and complementary interests have recently been highlighted as a result of the events at the Fukushima Dai'ichi nuclear facility in Japan, as well as events in the Middle East and other regions. The United States pursues its interest in the international commercial nuclear sector through a complex set of rules, regulations and agreements administered by the Departments of Energy, Commerce and State, as well as the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The success of the U.S. commercial nuclear industry, and its ability to compete in the international nuclear markets, is closely tied to how the government, through its agencies and departments, administers its interests. Due to the complexity of the policies that impact the civilian nuclear sector and the strategic importance of domestic civilian nuclear sector engagement in international nuclear development, it is recommended that an Office for Civilian Nuclear Policy be established within the National Security Council to:

- coordinate international aspects of U.S. civil nuclear policy including conducting an assessment of current policy alignment and its impact on international civilian nuclear engagement
- convene relevant federal agencies to ensure that they are well coordinated and aligned with regard to international civilian nuclear policy
- identify countries and regions in which expanded civilian nuclear engagement will:
- enhance broader U.S. foreign policy goals
- expand commercial opportunities for U.S. suppliers
- serve as the key interface and advocate for the commercial nuclear industry with regard to international treaties and agreements, Cabinet-level trade advocacy and international civil nuclear policy development

- coordinate policy with the National Security Council, the National Economic Council, the President's Export Promotion Cabinet and the Domestic Policy Council
- marshal USG programmatic support of U.S. industry commercial bids in strategic markets.

It is strongly recommended that the staff chosen to lead this effort should have an excellent knowledge of the international civilian nuclear industry and also be familiar with federal policies affecting the civilian nuclear sector.

On behalf of the CINTAC, I wish once more to express our sincere appreciation for your leadership in support of the nuclear industry.

Sincerely, and on behalf of the members of CINTAC,



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cc: Secretary Chu – U.S. Department of Energy
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