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EM Renews Information-Sharing Agreement with United Kingdom's Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

PHOENIX – EM's top official this week renewed an agreement between DOE and the U.K.'s [Nuclear Decommissioning Authority](#) (NDA) that expands the scope of their information sharing.

"EM highly values international cooperation and we are eager to continue working with organizations in the UK to ensure this relationship is fruitful for both sides," DOE Senior Advisor for Environmental Management David Huizenga said following the signing ceremony where he renewed the Statement of Intent (SOI).

The agreement enables DOE and NDA to share lessons learned and the development and application of new technologies and approaches to improve the safety, cost effectiveness and schedule of EM's nuclear cleanup program. The SOI was originally signed in 2007.



DOE Senior Advisor for Environmental Management David Huizenga (left) and Mark Lesinski, U.K.'s Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) Executive Director for Delivery, renewed the Statement of Intent between DOE and NDA in a signing ceremony this week.

The renewal expands the SOI's scope of information exchange to include DOE's Office of Nuclear Energy (NE).

"We are very pleased to extend the term of this agreement and look forward to working with our colleagues in both EM and NE in the coming months," said Peter Lyons, DOE Assistant Secretary for NE.

The SOI has resulted in information exchange and collaboration in several areas, including thermal treatment technologies, plutonium management, aging facilities management and decontamination technologies.

The signing ceremony occurred at the [2012 Waste Management Symposia in Phoenix](#), an international conference and trade show in radioactive material and nuclear waste management. Huizenga was a plenary speaker at the event.

The NDA is a non-departmental public body tasked with the decommissioning and cleanup of the U.K.'s civil nuclear legacy.

Huizenga Discusses Research with DOE Fellows

Also at the symposia, Huizenga met with [Florida International University's \(FIU\) DOE Fellows Program](#). The students discussed their EM applied research work under way at FIU's Applied Research Center. They also talked about their work experience during summer internships at DOE sites and national laboratories.

EM has long supported the program at the center at FIU as a way to create a pipeline of minority scientists and engineers to help span the science and engineering talent gap necessary to complete EM's mission.

In November last year, EM Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Tracy Mustin welcomed an additional 11 FIU students to the DOE Fellows program at an induction ceremony in Miami.



Florida International University's DOE Fellows gather for a photo with DOE Senior Advisor for Environmental Management David Huizenga (eighth from left) and DOE Fellows director, Dr. Leo Lagos (tenth from left), at the 2012 Waste Management Symposia in Phoenix this week.

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