

Summit. The CNSI will use Canada's expertise in CANDU reactor technology, which, since it is based on a pressure tube reactor, is relevant to the Russian RBMK reactor design. During the past two years, Canadian experts have worked with an international consortium and with the International Atomic Energy Agency. Both the consortium and the IAEA have been evaluating the safety of the RBMK reactor and identifying areas of concern and possible remedial action.

The CNSI bilateral projects developed with Russia, Ukraine and Lithuania include programs of technical assistance, technical improvements to the RBMK reactor design, safety procedures and regulatory training. The nuclear safety and engineering program being undertaken by Atomic Energy of Canada Limited will have a team of Canadian nuclear experts in Moscow and at the RBMK nuclear plant at Sosnovy Bor working directly with management and employees. The regulatory training program being conducted by the Atomic Energy Control Board is now under way, with training sessions in Canada for staff from the Ukraine State Committee for Nuclear and Radiation Safety.

A further \$15-million assistance package was announced by the minister of foreign affairs on April 1, 1994, as the Canadian contribution to the international program to assist in Ukraine's denuclearization program. The Canadian package includes assistance for environmental restoration, radiation monitoring, nuclear waste management and spent fuel storage.

The World Bank, the EBRD and the OECD International Energy Agency are collaborating to prepare power sector and nuclear safety strategies for countries of the FSU and CEE. The strategies are being developed with the countries of operation with the aim of finding an acceptable course of action, one that would promote early closure of the riskier nuclear power plants in the FSU and CEE.

The Naples Summit will give leaders the opportunity to review progress made over the past year and recommend further steps to reduce the nuclear risks of Soviet-designed nuclear power plants.