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ITER – Policy Update

- **ITER Members have secured political support for their commitments to ITER.**
 - Japanese funding is nearly \$250M for ITER with additional funding for the Broader Approach. Very significant funding in the face of challenges that remain from the earthquake and tsunami almost a year ago.
 - The EU has secured an additional 1.3B Euros for 2012-13, bringing their total to 2B Euros for that period.
- **The ITER Council consensus is that the effects of the Japanese earthquake are limited to a one-year delay. This keeps us within the scheduled first plasma dates (November 2019 – July 2021).**
- **The IO management team has steadily taken back its management responsibility from the ITER Council.**
- **The management team continues to make progress to build the management team. Recent recruitment efforts have yielded strong candidates and strong hires. This may be a reflection of renewed confidence in the future of ITER.**
- **The US working relationship with the other Members is very strong.**
- **The IC-10 Meeting will be held in Washington, DC in June.**

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- The FY 2013 request for ITER is \$150M, up from \$105M in FY 2012.
- We need to make a realistic, strong and straightforward case for ITER and for fusion energy/science in general.
- We need to make sure that we manage this project well – this will make it easier to convince Congress and the Administration that fusion deserves continued support.