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Issy-les-Moulineaux, 10th May 2000

Dear CINDA user,

I am pleased to inform you of the publication of the new CINDA CD-ROM by the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency on behalf of the co-operating network of Nuclear Data Centres.

As in previous years, the book version has been produced by the IAEA and this year's volume, entitled "CINDA-99", is a second supplement to previous issues and so should be used in conjunction with CINDA-97 (a review volume from 1988-1997) and CMDA-98 the first supplement. This should have already been distributed to you.

The new interactive CD of the CINDA database contains the full contents of the database and gives access to all bibliographic entries published in the various volumes of the IAEA book. The interface is similar to that found on the NEA web-site (<http://www.nea.fr/cinda>), but has slightly more features including allowing the search results to be exported to a delimited text file for importing into a spreadsheet program for further manipulation/sorting and a slightly more advanced search facility. The CD-ROM is likely to be faster for most users as compared to using the WWW.

Instructions on installing CD-CINDA are given on the CD in the file "readme.txt", but users should note the choice of copying the database onto a local hard drive or not. It is recommended that the database be copied in this way during installation as it is of a moderately small size (~40MB) and improves the performance by approximately a factor of three. In this case the "setup.exe" file in the "DBonHD" directory should be used. If the "setup.exe" in the root directory of the CD is used, the database will remain on the CD-ROM and this will need to be inserted each time the program is used. Please note that there is a possibility to copy the database at a later stage as explained in the "readme.txt" file.

A PDF version Help file is included on the CD but should further help be required then please do not hesitate to contact the NEA as detailed on the CD.

I hope you find the new CD version helpful and look forward to hearing comments from you in order that we may improve our services.

Yours sincerely,

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