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Information about upcoming consultation and invitation to a consultation meeting regarding interim storage, encapsulation and final disposal of spent nuclear fuel

Sweden notified all rim countries around the Baltic Sea regarding the EIA procedures for the encapsulation plant and the spent nuclear fuel repository in Sweden, in December 2005. Finland, Germany¹, Lithuania, Poland and the Russian Federation² answered that they intend to participate in the EIA procedures. Denmark, Latvia³ and Estonia answered that they abstain from participating in the EIA procedures but wish to be informed about the final EIA Report (in this case named Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)) and the application.

In February 2008 Sweden started the consultation process by sending background information, general structure of the EIS and documents regarding the safety and radiation protection and the long-term safety. At that time the location for the spent fuel repository wasn't decided and two possible locations, Forsmark in the municipality of Östhammar and Laxemar in the municipality of Oskarshamn, were described.

¹participation through Mecklenburg - Vorpommern

²participation through the Federal Environmental , Technological and Atomic Supervision Service

³participation through the Director of the Radiation Safety Centre, Mr Andrejs Salmins

The developer, The Swedish Nuclear Fuel and Waste Management Co (SKB), finalized the EIS and submitted it together with the applications to the Land and Environment Court and to the Swedish Radiation Safety Authority (SSM) in March 2011. A more detailed report from the developer on the licence applications and review process and the background to the prolonged time schedule is attached.

The application in accordance with the Environmental Code is now expected to be announced in late 2015 together with the EIA report. The Espoo consultation process pursuant to article 4 and 5 in the Espoo convention is expected to continue in the beginning of 2016.

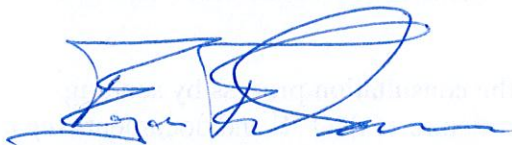
The developer is also offering to host a consultation meeting focusing on transboundary environmental impact during the consultation period with possibility to visit the planned site for the spent fuel repository and the present final repository for short-lived, low and intermediate radioactive waste in Forsmark, about 150 kilometres north of Stockholm.

Due to the time delay in the EIA process and that long time have passed since the notification, Swedish EPA also would like to verify that earlier given information about addressee are still valid. Please, if relevant, update address information if the consultation letter and documentation also should be sent to other addressees than the point of contact.

Swedish EPA intends to give a timeframe of 10 weeks to submit comments. Please contact the Swedish EPA if the timeframe isn't sufficient.

Please indicate **at the latest December 18, 2015** if you are interested in a consultation meeting; please send your answer to egon.enocksson@swedishepa.se

For The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency



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Enclosure

SKB's licence applications and the Swedish review processes. The Swedish Nuclear Fuel and Waste Management Co. SKB

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