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Notification pursuant to Article 10 in the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Espoo Convention regarding a detailed development plan for new nuclear power on the Värö Peninsula, Varberg municipality in Sweden

According to Article 10 in the protocol to the Espoo Convention, potentially affected countries shall be notified and consulted on plans and programs that are likely to cause transboundary environmental impacts. As a party of origin, Sweden hereby notifies above listed countries regarding the municipal plan, a detailed development plan, for new nuclear facilities in Varberg municipality.

All countries listed have also been notified in accordance with the Espoo convention in March 2025 regarding the developer, Vattenfall, and their intention to apply for permit in accordance with the Environmental Code (NV-00544-25). The detailed development plan is a prerequisite for a potential permit in accordance with the Environmental Code.

Information on the plan

Background and location

Varberg municipality is located on the Swedish west coast of approximately 50 kilometers south of Gothenburg. The municipality has prepared a scoping document for a strategic environmental assessment (SEA) for a detailed development plan for new nuclear power facilities on the peninsula Värö, see *Figure 1, page 5*. There is an existing nuclear power plant in the area today and the developer, Vattenfall,

intends to apply for a permit under Chapter 9 of the Environmental Code for the development and operation of new nuclear power facilities. The detailed development plan is a prerequisite for the permit and the Municipal Council is the competent authority that can adopt the plan.

In **Figure 3**, page 8, there is an illustration to clarify the processes with the detailed development plan and the strategic environmental assessment and the permitting process and the environmental impact assessment.

The purpose and content of the plan

The area of the plan covers the area required for the new facilities. The name of the main property is Skällåkra 6:4. The purpose of the new detailed development plan is to assess the suitability of developing new nuclear power facilities adjacent to the Ringhals nuclear power plant, along with the supporting infrastructure required for the area, such as workshops, offices, parking, staff accommodation, and substations. The plan aims to enable the land use designation “*Technical facility for energy production – nuclear power*”, where the aforementioned elements constitute complementary functions.

The planning process

This is the scoping consultation for the SEA process and the environmental report – the environmental impact assessment. Next consultation will be regarding the plan and a proposed environmental impact assessment and the following stage after that is a review stage. The planning process is visualized in **Figure 2**, page 8. The Municipal Council is the competent authority and can adopt the plan.

When a detailed development plan is adopted the land use decided is binding, and no other land use is possible. However to establish the nuclear facility and other facilities many other permits are required.

Scoping consultation - documentation

The documentation in this consultation is a scoping document for the strategic environmental assessment and the environmental report, the environmental impact assessment for the detailed development plan. The scoping is available in Swedish, English, Polish and Finnish.

Possibility to participate in the transboundary SEA-procedure

Referring to Article 10 of the protocol to the Espoo Convention, Sweden kindly asks for your response to this notification **no later than 8th of January 2026** and:

1. Acknowledge the receipt of this notification,
2. Indicate whether your country intends to participate in the SEA procedure,
3. Provide comments concerning the scope for the assessment of the environmental impacts of the local plan on your territory, and
4. submit any comments received from the public or others concerned

Kindly send the answer by e-mail to: registrator@naturvardsverket.se with a copy to espoo@swedishepa.se Please refer to case number NV-25-054690 and “DP Varberg” in your answer.

This decision has been made digitally and therefore lacks signatures

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Attachments

Scoping document (Swedish, Polish, Finnish and English)

Cc.

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