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Regarding environmental impact assessment of the proposed activity “*Dismantling and decontamination of equipment of Units A-2 and V-2 of Ignalina Nuclear Power Plant*”

Environment State Bureau (hereinafter – the Bureau), acting as a competent authority on environmental impact assessment (hereinafter – EIA) in Latvia, thanks the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania for sending summary of EIA report and presentation on the decommissioning process of equipment of Units A-2 and V-2 of Ignalina Nuclear Power Plant (hereinafter – INPP) near the border of the Republic of Latvia.

We have received and summarized comments and opinions of relevant authorities about the optimal method for consultation process, and hereby conclude that a meeting is necessary, although we suggest that this meeting is organized, using one of the web conference platforms, for example Cisco Webex video or Zoom. We have no specific requirements for a certain date and time at this moment, but we kindly ask it to be a working day and time. We suggest that we can negotiate and agree on a mutually suitable date and time via e-mail, giving both sides time for preparation. It is necessary, considering that according to our national legislation on EIA, public consultation meetings shall be announced in advance, publishing such announcement also in local media.

Translation in Latvian and presentations in Latvian during the meeting is necessary.

Hereby we summarise questions and comments received from the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Defence, The State Environmental Service of the Republic of Latvia, Daugavpils Municipality Council (the bordering municipality) and the public.

1. Considering the scope of the INPP project and the fact that there had been already carried out a number of assessments for smaller scale actions of the decommissioning of the INPP project,

it is essential to provide information in the transboundary EIA report on all activities and their impact.

2. Section 3 of the summary of EIA report mentions monitoring in water and soil, sampling of plants, vegetables and food products, as well as air aerosol stations in the territory of INPP. We would like to clarify the information on air radiation monitoring, which would be aimed directly at the dismantling works, whether additional specific monitoring is planned for the planned activity.
3. It is said that environmental monitoring is carried out in the territory of INPP and within a radius of 3 km and 30 km around INPP, among other things, - radioactive contamination is monitored in fish, soil, fungi, leaves, as well as in food products (milk, potatoes, meat, cereals). It is not clear from the information provided in the summary of EIA report – which of these samples is being analysed in the 30 km zone around the INPP, where and how regularly such tests are carried out, as well –what are the results of such monitoring.
4. Territory of the Republic of Latvia is also in this zone. Therefore we ask the Republic of Lithuania to provide more detailed information on the monitoring of environmental radioactive pollution in the 30 km zone around the INPP. No additional information is required for air monitoring stations, because this information it is publicly available.
5. We draw your attention that in preparation for the 8th meeting of the Review of the Convention on Nuclear Safety, the Radiation Safety Center of the State Environmental Service of The Republic of Latvia asked the Republic of Lithuania about environmental monitoring in the territory of INPP and within a radius of 3 km and 30 km around INPP. The reply indicated that there are two types of monitoring programs – one is carried out by the INPP operator, the other is carried out within the framework of the national environmental monitoring program (<https://www.e-tar.lt/portal/lt/legalAct/d6fdb4b0c89a11e8bf37fd1541d65f38>). It was indicated that that the monitoring results are available on the INPP operator website (<https://www.iae.lt/aplinkosauga/35>). Nevertheless, from the information provided by the Republic of Lithuania so far, it is not possible to deduce, what exactly and in what locations is monitored in the 30 km area around INPP and what are the results of monitoring in those locations.
6. Local municipality and public are more interested in the measures envisaged to control the waste flow, ensuring that radioactive waste is treated accordingly and is not transported over the common border of the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania.

Sincerely yours,

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