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Swedish answers to the notification in accordance with Articles 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding the decommissioning of the Ignalina NPP

Sweden received a notification from the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania to participate in consultation under Article 3 of the Espoo Convention in relation to the planned decommissioning of the Ignalina NPP. Lithuania has fulfilled their responsibility following from article 3 of the Espoo Convention by providing the Swedish environmental protection agency (EPA) with a notification regarding the project.

The Swedish EPA has in turn invited Swedish government agencies, organizations, and other parties to give consultation comments on the planned project.

Consultation in Sweden

The notification and the attached documents have been circulated for consideration to central-government agencies, county administrative boards, non-governmental environmental organizations during the period from 26th of June 2023 to 25th of August 2023.

The Swedish EPA is the authority responsible for fulfilling the obligations following from, inter alia. Article 3 of the Espoo Convention. However, the Swedish EPA has no responsibility to evaluate the consultations received in the context of the Swedish national consultation procedure with a view to presenting an overall Swedish position. For a comprehensive view of the consultations, we refer to the enclosed statements received.

Consultations comments received

A summary of the statements is included below, please note that the summary is written on behalf of the Swedish EPA and not the body to which a proposal is referred for consideration:

The Swedish EPA received replies from the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management, County Administrative Board of Skåne, County Administrative Board of Kalmar, County Administrative Board of Blekinge, Swedish Defense Research Agency, the Swedish National Board of Housing, Building and Planning, Miljövännen för Kärnkraft, the Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute, The Swedish Board of Agriculture, the Swedish Forest Agency, the Swedish Food Agency, the Swedish Energy Agency, the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency and the Swedish Radiation Safety Authority.

The Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management, County Administrative Board of Skåne, County Administrative Board of Kalmar, County Administrative Board of Blekinge, the Swedish National Board of Housing, Building and Planning, the Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute, The Swedish Board of Agriculture, the Swedish Forest Agency, the Swedish Food Agency, the Swedish Energy Agency, the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency and the Swedish Radiation Safety Authority. replied that they had no further comments and did not see the need to participate further in the EIA process.

The Swedish Defense Research Agency makes a general conclusion that the report is written in a high-level fashion, and based on available information anticipates that the project will have a negligible or no effect on Swedish territory. Their reply however consists of a list of comments and questions based on their review of the material, please see attached.

Based on the received comments, Sweden hereby express the wish to be further informed about the project and the upcoming EIA procedures.

As the decision has been made electronically there is no need for signatures.

For the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

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Attachments

Comments from The Swedish Defense Research Agency

Comments from Miljövännen för Kärnkraft

Comments from the Swedish Radiation Safety Authority

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