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**Consultation in accordance with article 4 and 5 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and the EU Directive 2011/92/EU for interim storage, encapsulation and final disposal of spent nuclear fuel**

In December 2005 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.

Finland, Germany, Lithuania, Poland and the Russian Federation answered that they intend to participate in the EIA procedures. Denmark, Latvia and Estonia answered that they abstain from participating in the EIA procedures but wish to be informed about the final EIA Report 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. In 2009 the Forsmark site in Östhammar was selected for the final repository and Simpevarp in Oskarshamn was selected for the encapsulation plant for spent nuclear fuel. The encapsulation plant will be integrated with the central interim storage (Clab) to form a new facility, Clink.

Now the application is announced by the Land and Environment Court in Nacka together with the EIA report. The Espoo consultation process can therefore continue. For information about the developer's licence applications and the Swedish review processes, please see the enclosure to the information letter sent out by the Swedish Environment Protection Agency on the 25th of November 2015.

### Comments on the documentation

Referring to articles 4 and 5 of the Espoo Convention, Sweden kindly asks your country to:

- provide comments concerning the assessment of the environmental impacts of the project affecting your country and
- submit any comments you might receive from the public and the authorities in your country.

Sweden kindly asks you to submit your comments in Swedish or English (preferably in Swedish because the court requires Swedish) **no later than 15 April 2016**. Please indicate the case number NV-07138-15. If you translate your comments to English, please also send us the comments in your original language.

### Documents

The developer, the Swedish Nuclear Fuel and Waste Management Co (SKB), has translated the EIA report and some associated documents for the consultation process. The following documents will be **available at the developer's webpage** <http://www.skb.com/future-projects/the-spent-fuel-repository/our-applications/background-material-for-the-consultation-in-2016/>:

- Reading instructions (in English and Swedish)
- Non-technical summary (in Finnish, German, Lithuanian, Polish and Russian)
- The following reports in English and Swedish:
  - A. EIS (Environmental Impact Statement. March 2011)
  - B. Non-technical summary, EIS for the KBS-3 system. Updated October 2015
  - C. SR-Site, assessment of long-term safety (volume 1, 2 and 3)
  - D. The barriers in the KBS-3 repository for spent nuclear fuel in Forsmark
  - E. Additional EIS regarding changes in Clink and increased interim storage in Clab
  - F. Adjustments and corrections in the EIS
  - G. Compilation of petitions (Petitions in Case No. M 1333-11)

Apart from this communication via e-mail, we will send this consultation letter together with the above listed documentation on a **memory stick** with mail to Finland, Germany, Lithuania, Poland and the Russian Federation.

### Consultation meeting, 21 March, 2016

The 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2015 the Swedish Environment Protection Agency sent out information about the upcoming consultation and a consultation meeting. Several countries showed interest to attend a meeting. Therefore a consultation meeting, according to article 5 of the Espoo Convention, will be arranged on the 21 March, 2016. Information about the meeting will be sent out separately shortly.

**More information**

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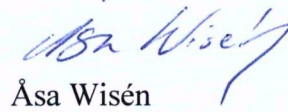
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