

Cover Note
for proposal for draft ENSREG Guidelines
regarding Member States Reports as
required under Article 14.1 of Council
Directive 2011/70/EURATOM of 19 July 2011
establishing a Community framework for the
responsible and safe management of spent
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Background

Article 14.1 of Council Directive 2011/70/EURATOM of 19 July 2011 establishing a Community framework for the responsible and safe management of spent fuel and radioactive waste (the 'Waste Directive') requires that: *“Member States shall submit a report to the Commission on the implementation of this Directive for the first time by 23 August 2015, and every three years thereafter, taking advantage of the review and reporting cycles under the Joint Convention.”*

The revised ENSREG work-programme for 2012-2013 as endorsed by ENSREG after the 17th meeting 24 February included a task for WG2 to develop Guidelines for the Member States' Reports required under Article 14.1 of the Waste Directive.

Drawing on the experiences and lessons learned by WG1 from corresponding work to develop guidelines for reporting under the Article 9.1 of Council Directive 2009/71/EURATOM of 25 June 2009 (the Safety Directive), WG 2 has developed a proposal for draft Guidelines.

Recognising the need for further refinement, WG2 all the same considers the current proposed draft document appropriate for trial use by volunteer Member States to test the usefulness and viability of the Guidelines.

Proposal

The attached draft document is the result of the work of a Task Group established to develop the draft Guidelines, as endorsed by WG2, at the 23rd WG2-meeting 29th January 2013.

ENSREG is requested to endorse the draft document for trial use by volunteer Member States, to test the usefulness and viability of the Guidelines.

ENSREG is also requested to identify at preferably three volunteer Member States (no nuclear program, small nuclear program, large nuclear program) to take part in this activity.

Way forward

Lessons learnt from the volunteer drafting process, together with any further modifications required by considering other inputs will be incorporated into a final draft of the Guidelines for ENSREG's consideration, tentatively by the fourth quarter 2013. This timescale will give Member States one and a half year to use the Guidelines, as appropriate, for the preparation of their National Reports.

Further refinement of the Guidelines is envisaged subsequent to August 2015, to take account of any further lessons learnt from the first reporting cycle.