

Working Group 2 on Improving Radioactive Waste Management, Spent Fuel and Decommissioning Arrangements (WGRWMD)

ENSREG Working Group 2

Workshop on

Member State's lessons learned from notification of National Programmes and from reporting under the EC Directive 2011/70/Euratom

Venue

The Workshop will be held in **Oldbury Technical Centre, Oldbury Power Station, Oldbury Naite, Bristol, South Gloucestershire BS35 1RQ, UK** from **25 to 27 October 2016**. This will also include a technical visit which will take place on 25 October 2016 to the Berkeley Site in Gloucestershire.

Background

The European Nuclear Safety Regulators Group (ENSREG) is an expert advisory group created in 2007 following a Decision 2007/530/Euratom of the European Commission. The High Level Group, at its own initiative or at the request of the Commission, shall advise and assist the Commission in progressively developing common understanding and eventually additional European rules in the fields of also spent fuel and radioactive waste management.

It is composed of senior officials from the national nuclear safety, radioactive waste safety or radiation protection regulatory authorities and senior civil servants with competence in these fields from all 28 Member States in the European Union and representatives of the European Commission.

ENSREG's role is to help establish the conditions for continuous improvement and to reach a common understanding in these areas. As an independent authoritative expert body, ENSREG is working to:

- improve the cooperation and openness between MS on nuclear safety and radioactive waste/spent fuel management issues;
- improve the overall transparency on nuclear safety and radioactive waste/spent fuel issues; and
- as appropriate, advise the EC on additional European rules in the fields of the safety of nuclear installations and the safety of the management of spent fuel and radioactive waste;
- facilitate consultations, coordination and cooperation of national regulatory authorities.

ENSREG has established four working groups to undertake its work programme. These working groups meet as necessary and report back to ENSREG.

ENSREG WG2 on Improving Radioactive Waste Management, Spent Fuel and Decommissioning Arrangements was tasked to develop guidance on the structure and format of the National Reports required under Article 14(1) of the EC Directive 2011/70/EURATOM (the 'Directive'), taking account of experience in producing the reports to the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management every three years. Final guidelines for MS National Reports were endorsed by ENSREG in May 2014. ENSREG also noted that the Guidelines should be revisited by ENSREG to incorporate experience after the first Member States reports have been submitted.

Guidance for structure and content of National Programmes has been developed by a working group set up by the European Nuclear Energy Forum, ENEF-NAPRO.

On the basis of the National Reports, the EC shall submit to the European Parliament and the Council a report on progress made with the implementation of the Directive and an inventory of radioactive waste and spent fuel present in the MS territory and the future prospects (see Article 14 (2)).

The Directive contains elements that are the responsibility of the EC (see e.g. Articles 13 and 14). The EC therefore plans a workshop in 2017, addressing all aspects of the implementation of the Directive in EU Member States.

Workshop objectives

On 19 July 2011, the Council of the EU adopted the Directive 2011/70/EURATOM establishing a Community framework for the responsible and safe management of spent fuel and radioactive waste (the).

A key element of the Directive is the requirement on Member States' (MS) national framework to provide for a National Programme for the implementation of its spent fuel and radioactive waste management policy (Article 5 (1)) and to notify it to the EC for the first time by 23 August 2015 and any subsequent significant changes (Article 13 (1)).

The Directive also requires in Article 14(1) MS to submit a National Report on the implementation of the Directive every three years to the EC. An important function of the National Report is giving account on the progress of the National Programme's implementation. The National Report, submitted to the EC every three years, introduces a new reporting requirement for MS.

ENSREG considers it would be valuable for all MS to exchange and discuss MS experiences of preparing the National Programme and the first National Report. The goal is to identify lessons learned in order to effectively and efficiently meet the reporting requirements in future and also reflect this in the revision of the ENSREG Guidelines.

The objectives of the ENSREG WG2 workshop are to:

- Share lessons learned and experience and identify common issues requiring further discussion and clarification on the National Programmes;
- Identify common issues requiring further discussion and clarification on the National Reports and the corresponding ENSREG guidelines;

- Facilitate MS development of the next round of National Reports, to be submitted to the EC in 2018;
- Compile a report on MS experiences so far from developing National Programmes and National Reports to support a planned EC Workshop in 2017, addressing all aspects of the implementation of the Directive.

Target group

Participants should preferably have been involved in the preparation of the National Programme and/or the National Report on the implementation of Directive 2011/70/Euratom submitted to the European Commission (EC).

Invitations

Attendance is by invitation only. Nominations should be coordinated through MS representation in ENSREG or national contact point for the Directive. Detailed instructions for registration will be provided later.

Further information including a detailed programme, registration, travel and accommodation details will be available on the ENSREG and the ONR homepage shortly.

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