ENSREG STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN - SECOND TOPICAL PEER REVIEW

Background

One of the key objectives of ENSREG, as stated in the ENSREG Communication Policy, is to promote openness, transparency and effective communication in the areas of nuclear safety of nuclear installations and the safe management of radioactive waste and spent fuel.

ENSREG's Working Group on improving Transparency Arrangements (WG3) has prepared the present stakeholder engagement plan. The aim of the plan is to inform the public and engage with stakeholders on the EU Topical Peer Review (TPR) process. It provides a framework for stakeholder participation and encourages their active involvement in the second TPR, which is concerned with fire-protection and fire-prevention at nuclear installations.

This stakeholder engagement plan identifies activities to strengthen engagement with all stakeholders including the public, industry, regulatory authorities, government bodies and other interested parties, such as NGOs. Full transparency and proactive information for the public will raise awareness amongst European citizens of the EU TPR process.

General Principles

This stakeholder engagement plan:

- follows an integrated strategy for stakeholder involvement and public information.
- is flexible and can be adapted depending on circumstances.
- takes into account that the second TPR relates to different types of installations, including nuclear power plants (NPPs), research reactors and fuel cycle facilities.

Activities

1) Information about the TPR process

- Production of fact sheets to provide information on the TPR process in general and on the first and second TPRs.
- Translation of the fact sheets into all official EU languages for use by ENSREG and the European nuclear safety regulators for communication purposes.
- Active promotion of the TPR by each national nuclear safety regulator in its own country following the <u>Guidance on Openness and Transparency for European Nuclear</u> Safety Regulators.
- Promotion of the TPR on the ENSREG website.

2) Stakeholder meetings

- Organization of public stakeholder meetings:
 - to provide information about the background and the objectives of the EUwide TPR exercise.

- o to give an opportunity for stakeholders to contribute to the second TPR.
- o to support and encourage participation in the peer review process and to serve as an input to the peer review workshop.
- o to present and discuss the results of the peer review.
- Provide an opportunity for discussions amongst a wide range of stakeholders on the TPR process and the issue of fire hazards in nuclear installations.
- Take into account conclusions of the meetings for the further enhancing the TPR process.

3) Public consultation

- Submission of draft technical specifications, draft terms of reference and a draft stakeholder engagement plan to a public consultation via the ENSREG website.
- Provision of a public platform for stakeholders to submit questions, suggestions and comments during a period of at least 6 weeks.
- Publication of written responses to the stakeholder feedback provided on the ENSREG website following the consultation period.
- Consideration of stakeholder feedback before the adoption and publication of the 3 documents.

4) TPR Focus Group

• Development of terms of reference for a standing TPR Focus Group to enable different stakeholders to closely follow TPR activities and to provide input on a regular basis.

5) Peer Review

- Publication of the national assessment reports by ENSREG and the European nuclear safety regulators on their respective websites.
- Provision of a public platform for stakeholders to submit questions and comments on the national assessment reports via the ENSREG website. This period of public consultation allows for a reasonable time frame for the submission of contributions, taking into account the overall timetable for the peer review process.
- Publication of the written responses to these questions on the ENSREG website. Comments will be taken into account in preparing the Peer Review Workshop.
- Presentation of the conclusions of the peer review workshop through a press release and the holding of a press conference by the ENSREG chair and the chair of the TPR Board.

6) Final Report

Publication of a TPR report on the peer review findings and recommendations. The
report will include a summary of the contributions from the 2 public consultations and
describe how they have been taken into account. The names of President, Vicepresidents, Rapporteurs and Reviewers will be published as an Annex.

Annexe - Process description

| Phase 0 : Preparation | Timescale |
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| Promotion of the TPR on the ENSREG website 1st Public stakeholder meeting – June 2021 Production of fact sheets and translation into all official EU languages National nuclear safety regulators publish and promote fact sheets Publication of draft stakeholder engagement plan, March 2022 Public consultation - Provision of a public platform for stakeholders to submit questions, suggestions and comments on the draft technical specifications, draft terms of reference and a draft stakeholder engagement plan via the ENSREG Website | 2020 to 2022 |
| Phase 1: National self assessment | Timescale |
| Development of terms of reference for a standing TPR Focus Group Publication of the national assessment reports | 2022 to 2023 |
| Phase 2 : Peer review | Timescale |
| Provision of a public platform for stakeholders to submit questions and comments on the national assessment reports via the ENSREG website Publication of the peer review reports 2nd Public stakeholder meeting - Results of the peer review – End of 2024 | 2023 to 2024 |