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Question from the Implementation Committee under the Espoo Convention regarding a proposed nuclear power plant in Somerset in the United Kingdom, Hinkley Point C – Answer from Norway

We refer to letter of 17 December 2013 from the Implementation Committee under the Espoo Convention regarding a planned construction of a nuclear power plant (NPP), Hinkley Point C in Somerset in the United Kingdom. The Implementation Committee asks "Could the Government of Norway confirm that the proposed NPP at Hinkley Point C is not likely to cause significant adverse transboundary environmental impact on the territory of Norway?"

Both experience and impact assessments confirm that a NPP in operation represents a risk of transboundary pollution in neighbouring countries, in the case of a major accident or incident.

Taking the geographical position of Norway into account, we can not confirm that it is not likely that the proposed NPP at Hinkley Point C, in the case of a major accident or incident, could cause significant adverse transboundary environmental impact on the territory of Norway.

We consider it important to be notified and receive information about proposed NPPs in our geographical proximity in accordance with the Espoo Convention.

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