

QUESTIONS FOR GROUP DISCUSSIONS II

Please discuss problems in application and how to solve problems.

Highlight good examples and good application.

The sub-questions are only for orientations, groups are free to find their own approach to the issues.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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What would be the best way to ensure a good public participation for nuclear energy related activities?

(Problems may include long chain of different decisions for programme, site selection process via plans/programmes and then perhaps several decisions)

- What is the overall difference in arranging public participation for nuclear related activities compared to other types of Espoo activities? Any specific problems?
- Nuclear related activities are often being decided on in different decision making levels (programme(s), plan(s) and project decisions). How should this be reflected when planning the public participation?
- Are there specific problems for in arranging public hearings in Party of Origin and in Affected Party on nuclear energy related activities?
- Is identifying the public concerned a special problem regarding nuclear energy related activities because of possible long-range impacts?

CONSULTATIONS

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Are there specific problems in performing consultations for nuclear energy related activities?

- Are consultations of different nature for neighbouring Affected Parties compared to far away Affected Parties?
- Are there problems with consultations with a great number of Affected Parties (Europe/ECE wide consultations)?
- Is confidentiality a problem when security issues are discussed in relation to severe accidents and long-range impacts in consultation?
- Can timeframes be problematic?
- Are there special problems of answering concerns of the Affected Party for nuclear energy related activities?

FINAL DECISION

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Are there complications connected with the final decision for nuclear energy related activities?

- Are there problems in identifying what should be regarded as the final decision for the activity or the plan/programme?
- There are often both plans and several decisions concerning a nuclear related activity. Are there problems to inform in the final decision that due account has been taken to comments received?
- Do the often long time frames between the consultations and the final decision give problems?
- How can the issue of long-range impacts be considered in the final decision?