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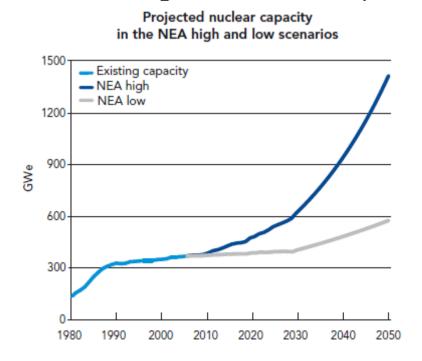


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Austrian experience on access to EIA information regarding different nuclear new built projects in neighboring countries

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EIA Experience with Nuclear New Built Key Messages



>> Severe Accidents

According to Austria's interpretation of the Espoo Convention severe accidents are covered by the Convention. This should be reflected in all phases of the EIA procedure (e.g. Screening, Notification, EIA Documentation).

>> Alternative Options

Alternatives should also deal with other possibilities for production of electricity. The no-action alternative – as required in Annex II - should be thoroughly assessed.

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EIA Experience with Nuclear New Built Key Challenges



>> Transparency versus Security

Finding the right balance between transparency and security is a crucial challenge.

>> Definition of scope regarding the fuel cycle

Life-cycle analysis of electricity production or exclusion of front-end and back-end of the fuel cycle

>> Administrative Issues

- Language issues
- Compatibility of national schedules with transboundary procedures
- Public hearing in potentially affected countries

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Thank you for your

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