

**Question from the Implementation Committee under the Espoo Convention regarding a proposed nuclear power plant at Sizewell C, Leiston, Suffolk, England
– Answer from the Danish Emergency Management Agency**

We refer to letter of 31st of October 2019 from the Planning Inspectorate regarding a planned construction of a nuclear power plant (NPP) at Sizewell, Leiston, Suffolk, England in the United Kingdom. The Planning Inspectorate in this letter stipulates that the proposed NPP at Sizewell is not likely to cause significant adverse transboundary environmental impact on the territory of Denmark.

This may be true during normal operation, but 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.

Thus, taking the geographical position of Denmark into account, we consider that the proposed NPP at Sizewell, in the case of a major accident or incident, might cause significant adverse transboundary environmental impact on the territory of Denmark and the Danish Economic Zone.

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

The Danish Emergency Management Agency, as a nuclear regulator, would also like to receive advanced notice of and invitations to meetings and other information in connection with this project when sent to other parties. We would also like to receive digital copies of agendas, minutes and presentations from meetings already held and to be held, or notified of information made available on homepages when and where such are published. As the Sizewell C location is, relative to Denmark, on the near side of England, our interest is even higher than for the Wylfa and Hinkley Point location.

It may be advisable to arrange an information meeting for interested foreign authorities where they may be informed of the further details about the plants reactor and safety systems for emergency preparedness purposes, when a supplier is chosen. Russia arranged such meetings in 2011 in Denmark and several other countries about their Baltic NPP.

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