

# Decree of the President of the Republic of Belarus

## of 12 November 2007 No. 565 on steps to be taken for the construction of a nuclear power plant<sup>1</sup>

(Extract)

With a view to organising preliminary work for the construction of a nuclear power plant and to ensuring nuclear safety and radiation protection, I decree as follows:

1. A state authority called the “Nuclear Installation Construction Directorate” (hereinafter referred to as “Directorate”) shall be set up to perform a programme of preliminary design and surveying work for the construction of a nuclear power plant (hereinafter referred to as “NPP”).
2. The following is to be established:
  - 2.1 The Directorate shall be a legal body subordinate to the Ministry of Energy. The Directorate shall be headed by a Director to be appointed and dismissed by the Minister of Energy in agreement with the President.
  - 2.2 In order to construct the NPP, the Directorate shall:
    - organise and carry out research and surveys to select a site;
    - draft designs and cost estimates;
    - organise and co-ordinate construction, assembly and other work in an orderly manner;  
  
prepare technical tasks and documentation for the purchase of special and power-generating equipment, work and services;
    - carry out quality control and acceptance procedures for work performed in the field of nuclear technology, geodesy, geological surveying, seismic, tectonics work as well as environmental work. Also, participate in the work to select the required project, the process flow sheet, equipment, the safety systems and other systems linked to the construction of the NPP.
  - 2.3 The Directorate shall be funded and equipped by the Ministry of Energy’s innovation fund.

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1. Unofficial translation by the OECD.

- 2.4 The charter of the Directorate and any amendments and/or additions to it shall be approved by the Ministry of Energy.
- 2.5 Staff of the Directorate shall be appointed by the Ministry of Energy in agreement with the Council of Ministers.
3. It is determined:
- 3.1 The national research and design institute Belnapienergoprom, as the organisation to co-ordinate the preparation of design and cost estimate documents for the construction of the NPP, shall:
- negotiate and conclude sub- contracts for the design and cost estimate documents;
  - conclude contracts with the joint-stock company Energoproekt<sup>2</sup> which will perform design and engineering services for the site selection of the NPP. It will prepare comprehensive reports and documents on investment developments and the tender process for the NPP construction project.
- 3.2 The state scientific institute Sosny<sup>3</sup> at the Belarus National Academy of Sciences shall provide scientific support for construction of the NPP with personal responsibility being borne by the Chairman of the Presidium of the Belarus National Academy of Sciences.
4. The Ministry for Emergency Situations is responsible for nuclear safety and radiation protection, with personal responsibility being borne by the Minister of Emergency Situations.
- In order to exercise state oversight in the field of nuclear safety and radiation protection, a Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection Department is to be set up within the Ministry of Emergency Situations.<sup>4</sup>
5. Amendments and additions are to be made to several decrees of the President of the Republic of Belarus.<sup>5</sup>
6. The Council of Ministers shall, within six months, introduce proposals on social guarantees for both foreign employees and staff from other towns employed by the Directorate as well as persons performing design, construction, assembling and commissioning work and services to the NPP to provide them with accommodation and salary. It shall further take steps to harmonise legislation with this decree and put it into effect.
7. The State Control Committee shall monitor the implementation of this decree.
8. This decree shall enter into effect on the day it is signed.

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<sup>2</sup> Kievskii nauchno-issledovatel'skii proektno-konstruktorskii institut – research and design institute, Kiev.

<sup>3</sup> Ob"edinennyi institut energeticheskikh i yadernykh issledovaniy – Sosny joint institute for power-generation and nuclear research.

<sup>4</sup> See Regulation published subsequent to this Decree on page 161.

<sup>5</sup> Editor chose not to include the details of such amendments and additions.