

Experience and Expectations of an Stakeholder's Point of View on a Decommissioning in Sweden

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Abstract

Society sets demands on the implementation on decommissioning projects. The importance of effective public information and public participation (consultation) at an early stage in order to achieve high-quality and safe decommissioning processes should not be underestimated. Effective public participation will increase the safety of decommissioning projects.

In the presentation an environmental NGO perspective is given on this issue in a Swedish and European perspective. Transparency (public information and participation) is the focus of the Aarhus Convention that is implemented in legislation in European Union member states and in the European Union itself. The Radioactive Waste Directive, (Council Directive 2011/70/EURATOM), has an article on transparency.

In the Swedish environmental and nuclear legislation the Aarhus Convention has been implemented. Sweden has a relatively high openness on nuclear issues and quite advanced legislation for public participation and access to justice on decision-making in nuclear projects.