

Nuclear Power Plant in Poland. Information on proceeding to issue a decision on environmental conditions

The General Director for Environmental Protection is conducting proceedings to issue a decision on environmental conditions for the project involving **the construction and operation of Poland's first Nuclear Power Plant with an electrical output of up to 3750 MWe, in the area of the municipalities of Choczewo or Gniewino and Krokowa, Pomorskie Voivodship.**

Course of proceeding

The proceeding to issue a decision on environmental conditions was initiated on 5 August 2015 at the request of Polskie Elektrownie Jądrowe Sp. z o.o. (former name PGE EJ 1 Sp. z .o.o.). In a decision dated 25 May 2016 the General Director for Environmental Protection defined the scope of the environmental impact assessment report for the project and then, in a decision of 4 June 2016, suspended the proceedings until the applicant will submit the environmental impact assessment report.

Polskie Elektrownie Jądrowe Sp. z o.o. on 29 March 2022 submitted an environmental impact assessment report of the project to the General Director for Environmental Protection, after which the General Director for Environmental Protection by decision of 6 June 2022 resumed the proceedings.

Positions of co-operating authorities prior to the issuance of the decision on environmental conditions

The General Director for Environmental Protection, before issuing a decision, by letters dated 25 July 2022, requested the Director of the Maritime Office in Gdynia, the Pomeranian Voivodship Sanitary Inspector and the Director of the Regional Water Management Board in Gdańsk of the National Water Management Authority Wody Polskie to take a position, in accordance with Article 74(3) of the Act of 3 October 2008 on provision of information on the environment and its protection, public participation in environmental protection, and on environmental impact assessments.

Procedure on transboundary environmental impact assessment

By letter dated 16 September 2022, the General Director for Environmental Protection, within the framework of transboundary consultations, in accordance with Articles 4 and 5 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention), forwarded the environmental impact assessment report of the project to the affected countries. The purpose of the transboundary environmental impact assessment procedure is to give the countries on whose territory the planned project may have an impact the opportunity to present comments, including public consultations in accordance with the legislation in force in the country concerned. The aim is to maintain transparency in the implementation of projects likely to have a significant impact on the environment and to make deliberated decisions on the conditions for the implementation of such projects also taking into account considerations beyond national borders.

Public participation in proceeding

Before issuing a decision on environmental conditions, the General Director for Environmental Protection shall provide the opportunity for public participation in the proceeding, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter III 'Public Participation in Environmental Protection' of the Act of 3 October 2008 on provision of information on the environment and its protection, public participation in environmental protection, and on environmental impact assessments. Information on public participation will be provided at a later date, of which the public will be informed by a separate announcement.

In the announcement, the General Director for Environmental Protection will make public the information referred to in Article 33(1) of the Act of 3 October 2008 on provision of information on the environment and its protection, public participation in environmental protection, and on environmental impact assessments, inter alia on:

- 1) the subject matter of the decision to be issued in the case;
- 2) the authority competent to issue the decision as well as the authorities competent to issue opinions and make arrangements;
- 3) the possibility to get acquainted with the necessary documentation of the case and the place where it will be made available for viewing;
- 4) the opportunity to submit comments and requests;
- 5) how and where to submit comments and requests and the deadline for their submission (not shorter than 8 weeks) - **comments and requests submitted outside this deadline will not be considered;**
- 6) the authority competent to consider comments and requests;
- 7) the procedure on transboundary environmental impact assessment.

Environmental Impact Assessment Report

Presently, the public has the opportunity to read the application for a decision and the environmental impact assessment report, available at the following links:

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Due to the verification of the environmental impact assessment report by the General Director for Environmental Protection and co-operating authorities, this report may be supplemented. The complete environmental impact assessment report will be available, together with the necessary documentation, during public participation in the proceedings.