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Construction and operation of the first Nuclear Power Plant in Poland with a capacity of up to 3,750 MWe in the area of municipalities: Choczewo or Gniewino and Krokowa in Pomorskie Voivodeship.

Polish-General for Environmental Protection has informed Sweden that the Polish energy company PGE is planning Poland's first nuclear power plant. The work is planned to be built in northern Poland in the municipalities of Choczewo or Gniewino and Krokowa about 200 km from the Swedish coastline.

The Swedish National Council for Nuclear Waste has been given the opportunity to comment on what a future environmental impact statement for the project should include.

Statement of opinion

The Swedish National Council for Nuclear Waste stresses that in order to meet the requirements of the EC Directives on EIA¹ and the Directive establishing a Community framework for the responsible and safe management of spent fuel and radioactive waste² a thorough account of the possible environmental impacts resulting management of the spent fuel and nuclear waste resulting from operation and decommissioning is required.

The Environmental Impact Statement of the new reactor should contain a proposal for how the waste and spent fuel resulting from reactor operations will be handled. This applies to both the management and disposal of spent nuclear fuel, operational waste and waste resulting from the decommissioning. Furthermore, responsibilities during the various stages of processing, including the description of the impact of possible radioactive emissions through long-distance transport should be described.

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¹ COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 85/337/EEC of 27 June 1985 on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment

² COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 2011/70/EURATOM of 19 July 2011 establishing a Community framework for the responsible and safe management of spent fuel and radioactive waste