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Swedish reply to the notification regarding the spatial plan for the final storage site of radioactive waste in Estonia, your ref. 19.06.2024 6-3/24/3050

Sweden was notified regarding an update of the spatial plan for the final storage site of radioactive waste in Estonia from the Kliimaministeerium in Estonia. The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) has notified and consulted authorities and non-governmental organisations regarding the plan.

The consultation in Sweden

The notification and the attached documents have been circulated for consideration to central authorities and non-governmental organisations during the period from 5th of July to 16th of August 2024.

The Swedish EPA (SEPA) is the authority responsible for fulfilling the obligations following the protocol on strategic environmental assessments (SEA) to the convention on environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context. However, the Swedish EPA has no responsibility to evaluate the consultation comments received to present an overall Swedish position. The comments received have been translated from Swedish and summarized below. For a comprehensive view of the consultations, we refer to the enclosed statements received.

Based on the received comments during the Swedish consultation, the Swedish EPA hereby express the wish of Sweden to participate further in the SEA process and to be given the opportunity to comment on the upcoming SEA.

Comments received

The Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute wish to take part in the further process.

The Swedish Agency for Marine and Water management (SWAM) consider that during normal operation there is likely no transboundary environmental impacts. However, an accident can have transboundary impacts on species and habitats in the Baltic Sea and this should be highlighted in the up-coming environmental assessment, among other things in accordance with what is stated in more detail in the attached statement. The environmental assessment should include descriptions of the values, marine species and habitats of the Baltic Sea. The environmental assessment should describe the impacts on the whole Baltic

Sea and the values that may be affected. In particular, the impact on transboundary populations of fish and mammals that potentially migrate between the area in question, Swedish waters and the rest of the Baltic Sea.

For the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

This decision has been made digitally and therefor lacks signatures

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Enclosures, statements from:

The Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management (in Swedish)
The Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute (in Swedish)