



**GENERAL DIRECTOR
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION**

Warsaw, 16 August 2011

Michał Kielszonia

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Dear Sir or Madam,

With reference to the notification that was sent pursuant to Article 10(1) of the *Protocol on strategic environmental assessment to the Convention on the environmental impact assessment in the transboundary context* and in relation to your declarations regarding the wish to participate in the proceedings on strategic environmental assessment of the Polish Nuclear Power Engineering Programme in the transboundary context, let me advise you of the following:

The said notification dated 18 July 2011 was sent by way of letters no. DOOŚsoos.410.3.2011.jp.dts.6 and DOOŚsoos.410.3.2011.jp.dts.8 to the states that might be potentially affected by an adverse transboundary impact. Poland was asking the said states to declare within 14 days from the delivery of the notification, whether or not they were interested in participating in the strategic environmental assessment of the Polish Nuclear Power Engineering Programme in the transboundary context as the affected party.

Please let me point out once again that the *Polish Nuclear Power Engineering Programme* presents scope and structure of the activities that must be taken in order to implement nuclear power engineering technologies, guarantee safe and effective operation of nuclear power facilities, ensure that the latter will be closed down when they are no longer in operation and that the used atomic fuel and radioactive wastes are safely handled and utilised.

The proceedings on strategic environmental assessment (SEA) of the Polish Nuclear Power Engineering Programme are carried out by the Minister of Economy pursuant to *the Act of 3 October 2008 on making the information about the environment and environmental protection publicly available, participation of communities in environmental protection and the environmental impact assessment (Journal of Laws no. 199, item 1227, as amended)*,

hereinafter referred to as the Act. The final item on the agenda will be the approval of the said document by the Council of Ministers. Among other things, provisions of the *Protocol on strategic environmental assessment to the Convention on the environmental impact assessment in the transboundary context* and *Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2001 on the assessment of the effect of certain plans and programmes on the environment* were incorporated into the Polish law by means of the said Act. **General Director for Environmental Protection is a body responsible for coordination of proceedings on strategic environmental assessment in the transboundary context.**

In consideration of the above, and understanding that the matter is urgent, I would like to kindly ask you to submit your comments and positions on the documentation as soon as possible, and in any case not later than **on 31 October 2011**, and to suggest the dates and the manner of presenting the said documentation to the public to:

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Let me also ask you to submit copies of the said opinions of the exposed party to the following address of the body that is responsible for preparing the Polish Nuclear Power Engineering Programme and conducting the procedure of strategic environmental assessment:

Ms. Hanna Trojanowska
Government's Plenipotentiary for Polish Nuclear Power Engineering Issues
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General Director for Environmental Protection will send you the responses of the Ministry of Economy (i.e. the body responsible for preparing the Polish Nuclear Power Engineering Programme and conducting the procedure of strategic environmental assessment) to comments and requests submitted by way of the official positions handed over to the General Director for Environmental Protection as well as the communities' comments submitted directly to the Ministry of Economy. Should you find it necessary to carry out transboundary consultations following the analysis of supplementary documentation and additional clarifications regarding the documentation, we will fix the meeting place and date in subsequent letters.

Yours sincerely,

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