

Expert Hearing

Nuclear Waste – Will the Directive Solve the Problem?

8th June 2010, 13.00 - 15.00, ASP 1 E 1, European Parliament

Nuclear waste from nuclear power plants is one of the most toxic and most persistent substances mankind produces, but a solution how the highly dangerous waste can be stored safely is yet to be found.

A repository would have to guarantee for a safe burial of highly radioactive waste for up to 1 million years. The lack of safe storage sites for nuclear waste is seen by the European public as the biggest problem connected to the use of nuclear power.

In the EU, it is the Commission as well as the relevant Council working groups and ENEF (European Nuclear Energy Forum) who are trying to find a way to solve the problem of final waste storage. In autumn, the Commission will present a proposal for a nuclear waste directive to create common rules for nuclear waste storage in the EU. Meanwhile, the public consultation on this issue has started and will continue until the end of May 2010.



German Nuclear Test Storage Facility "Asse"

During this hearing, experts will present examples from different European countries regarding their respective nuclear waste strategies (Germany, Sweden, Finland). Against the backdrop of these experiences, lessons will be drawn with respect to the Draft Nuclear Waste Directive, with the aim of formulating requirements that a meaningful EU directive should fulfil.

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DRAFT Agenda

13.00 Beginning of the Event

13.15 Anni Podimata, S&D : Welcome

13.30 Heinz Smital, (Greenpeace Germany) : A critical review of the German nuclear waste strategy

13.45 Johan Swahn, MKG (Swedish NGO Office for Nuclear Waste Review - Miljöorganisationernas kärnavfallsgranskning) : The Scandinavian nuclear waste strategies

14.00 Mycle Schneider, Independent Energy Consultant : The Nuclear Waste Directive

14.15 Discussion, Q&A

14.45 Rebecca Harms, Greens/EFA: Closing Remarks

15.00 End of the Event

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