

Dear Björn,

Factual check by Swedish Authorities

In keeping with NEA procedures for independent reviews, SKB and SSM will be given the opportunity to check the final draft report for factual correctness.

The process of review for factual correctness has been discussed within the IRT and the following was decided:

- Mr. Pescatore will meet with SSM staff and will provide them with 5 copies of the draft final report for a factual check by the Swedish authorities.
- The examination by SSM will take place morning and early afternoon of 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2012. SSM may want to invite SKB experts and receive feedback from them.
- At the end of the examination, SSM will give the Swedish authorities' comments to Mr. Pescatore in writing
- Mr. Pescatore will report these comments to the IRT Chairman. For each comment, a decision will be made if and how to reflect it in the final report. These decisions will be passed on to SSM.
- In the unlikely circumstance that a factual check comment impacts on the quality and import of the review findings, the IRT will duly note it. In this case a complementary analysis of the SKB materials may be needed and this will be communicated to SSM.
- The final IRT report may or may not inform where factual check comments were incorporated.

Claudio Pescatore, on behalf of the IRT