

Available for inspection: Notification of Intent for the Environmental Impact Assessment for a new nuclear reactor (PALLAS-reactor)

On 18 January 2016 Schagen Local Authority has received from the Foundation Preparation PALLAS Reactor (hereinafter referred to as PALLAS) a "Notification of Intent for the Environmental Impact Assessment". This Notification is related to the intention of PALLAS to build a new nuclear reactor on the Research Location nearby the village Petten. The new reactor is intended for the production of medical radioisotopes and for technological and scientific research and will replace the existing High Flux Reactor.

The new reactor requires the zoning plan to be adapted. The decision making process with regard to this adaption requires that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is to be carried out. An EIA is a report that systematically and objectively describes all of the environmental impacts of the reactor and a number of alternatives. The purpose of an EIA is to ensure that the environment gets a full place in the decision making process.

In addition a so called Appropriate Assessment on the basis of the Nature Protection Act has to be made. This will be included in the EIA. The Notification of Intent focuses on the EIA procedure.

Where can the Notification of Intent be inspected?

The announcement and the Notification of Intent will be available for inspection from 12 February to 24 March 2016 on weekdays at the following location:
Schagen Local Authority, Laan 19, Schagen. Open for inspection from Monday to Friday, from 09:00 to 12:00.

The announcement and the Notification of Intent are also available at www.schagen.nl (sub "Beleid en (ruimtelijke) plannen" -> "PALLAS-reactor").

How can you use public participation to respond to the Notification of Intent?

Anyone who so wishes can submit their comments on the Notification of Intent. They have until 24 March 2016 to do so.

Comments in writing may be submitted to:
Gemeente Schagen
College van burgemeester en wethouders
Postbus 8, 1740 AA Schagen
The Netherlands

Comments may be submitted by e-mail at: ruimtelijkeplannen@schagen.nl

Comments, both in writing or by e-mail, must mention "Comments on Notification of Intent EIA for PALLAS reactor".

What use is made of the public participation responses?

The Environmental Impact Assessment Committee will take all public participation responses into account when drafting the recommendation regarding the scope and level of detail of the EIA to be drawn up by PALLAS.

Once the Schagen Local Authority has received the Environmental Impact Assessment Committee's recommendation regarding the scope and level of detail, Schagen will establish the scope and level of detail to be met by the EIA. To this end, Schagen Local Authority will take the public participation responses and the Environmental Impact Assessment Committee's recommendation into account.