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Regarding the transboundary environmental impact assessment of the reconstruction and transformation of the Ignalina NPP storage facility of bituminized radioactive waste into a repository

The Environment State Bureau (hereinafter – the Bureau) would like to express gratitude to the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania for minutes of the meeting which took place on 6 December 2023 regarding the environmental impact assessment for project "Reconstruction and transformation of the Ignalina NPP storage facility of bituminized radioactive waste into a repository" (hereinafter – the Minutes).

Please be informed that the Bureau forwarded the Minutes to the Ministry of the Environment Protection and Regional Development, the Radiation Safety Centre of State Environmental Service, the Nature Protection Agency, the Augšdaugava Municipality, the State Fire and Rescue Service of the Republic of Latvia and the Health Inspectorate. The Bureau asked mentioned authorities to inform the Bureau if it is necessary to supplement or clarify the Minutes by 31 January 2024. During this period the Bureau has received response from the Radiation Safety Centre of State Environmental Service, that has noted that the Minutes requires the following clarifications:

- 1. To replace the words "Radiation Safety Centre" and "Radiation Protection Centre" by the words "Radiation Safety Centre of State Environmental Service" as it is official title of the authority.
- 2. Page 3 of the Minutes when asked whether there are global solutions for converting existing storage facilities into disposal facilities, it should be clarified that the question was referred by a representative of the Radiation Safety Centre of the State Environmental

Service ("Q: the Representative of the radiation Protection Centre (Latvia) asks if there having the cases of transforming a storage facility into a repository in global practice.")

As the Bureau has not received other comments or proposals, the Bureau approves the Minutes with above mentioned clarifications.

Enclosure: The Radiation Safety Centre of State Environmental Service Letter No 2.3/RD/92/2024 dated on January 17, 2024.

Yours sincerely,

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