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## **Regarding the environmental impact assessment of the planned nuclear power plant in Heim and Aure municipalities in western Norway**

The State Environmental Service of the Republic of Latvia (hereinafter – the Service), acting as a Point of Contact regarding Notification in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (hereinafter – the Espoo Convention) of Latvia and the competent authority on the environmental impact assessment (hereinafter – the EIA) in Latvia, would like to thank the Norwegian authorities for the information letter regarding the proposed environmental impact assessment programme for the establishment of a nuclear power plant in Heim and Aure municipalities in western Norway (hereinafter – The Project).

Latvia reaffirms its commitment to the Espoo Convention and to the principle of information exchange between Parties concerning activities that may potentially cause significant adverse transboundary environmental impact.

The Service hereby acknowledges the receipt of the notification and the prepared documentation<sup>1</sup>. Please be informed that the Service published received information regarding the Project on the Service webpage<sup>2</sup> on 26 November 2025 and sent information directly to the involved authorities.

The Service has reviewed the information provided on the proposed environmental impact assessment programme for the establishment of the Project. According to the notification, the Project is initiated by private stakeholders and foresees the potential establishment of a nuclear power plant based on small modular reactor (SMR) technology, with a maximum installed capacity of up to 1500 MW. The project is currently at an early, exploratory stage, and any potential future development would be subject to a comprehensive environmental impact assessment, licensing procedures and national political decision-making in Norway.

The Service received opinions regarding the Project and its potential transboundary impacts within the scope of competence from the Ministry of Smart Administration and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Climate and Energy of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Economics of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia, and the State Centre for Defence Military Sites and Procurement.

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<sup>1</sup> Received on 25 November 2025, registration No 11569/AP/2025.

<sup>2</sup><https://www.eva.gov.lv/lv/parrobezu-ietekmes-uz-vidi-novertejumu-projekti/atomelektrostacijas-ar-mazas-jaudas-modulariem-reaktoriem-buvnieciba-heimas-heim-un-aures-aure-pasvaldibu-teritorija-norvegija>

Based on the geographical location of the planned reactors and the characteristics of the Project, the competent Latvian authorities, including the Radiation Safety Centre of the Service, have concluded that Latvia is not likely to be affected to such an extent that would require participation in the EIA of the Project as an affected country under the Espoo Convention (no significant adverse transboundary impacts on Latvia, including no radiological risks, are expected).

Therefore, Latvia considers that it is not likely to be an affected Party within the meaning of Article 3 of the Espoo Convention and does not foresee participation in the transboundary environmental impact assessment procedure for the planned nuclear power plant in Heim and Aure municipalities in western Norway.

Nevertheless, in the spirit of openness and continued cooperation under the Espoo Convention, the Service kindly requests to be kept informed about the findings of transboundary impact, including any potential findings relevant to nuclear or radiological safety or any other potential impacts of relevance to Latvia, should new information emerge.

The Service remains available for any further information exchange with the Norwegian authorities regarding this project.

Sincerely yours,  
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