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Regarding the strategic environmental impact assessment for the Government Decree on Nuclear Facilities, Finland

The State Environmental Service of the Republic of Latvia (hereinafter – the Service), acting as the Point of Contact regarding notifications under the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (hereinafter – the SEA Protocol) and as the competent authority on environmental assessment in Latvia, would like to thank the Finnish Environment Institute for the notification regarding the Government Decree on Nuclear Facilities (hereinafter – the Planning document).

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

The Service hereby acknowledges receipt of the notification and the accompanying documentation¹. Please be informed that the Service published information regarding the Plan on the Service's webpage² and sent information directly to the relevant Latvian authorities.

The Service received opinions regarding the Planning document and its potential transboundary impacts within the scope of competence from Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia, Ministry of Smart Administration and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Economics of the Republic of Latvia, the Nature Conservation Agency, the State Centre for Defense Military Sites and Procurement. No comments were received

¹ Received on 22 May 2026, registration No. 5568/AP/2026.

²<https://www.eva.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/kuopio-pilsetas-hepomaki-industrialas-zonas-detalplanojuma-somija-strategiskais-ietekmes-uz-vidi-novertejums>

from the public.

The Service has gathered and evaluated received opinions and agrees with general estimation that Latvia is not likely to be affected to such an extent that would require participation in the strategic environmental assessment of the Planning document and transboundary consultations under the Article 10 of the SEA Protocol. Latvia has no significant comments regarding the Planning documents and scope of the strategic environmental assessment. The Nature Conservation Agency considers it appropriate that the strategic environmental assessment continue to include an evaluation of potential transboundary impacts on the Baltic Sea ecosystem, including biodiversity, in the event of radioactive emissions or nuclear accident scenarios.

In the spirit of openness and continued cooperation under the SEA Protocol, the Service kindly requests to be kept informed about the further development of the Planning document, including the results of the strategic environmental assessment, any findings regarding transboundary environmental effects, especially if any impacts on the environment are identified on the territory of Latvia during the strategic environmental assessment.

The Service remains available for further information exchange and cooperation with the Finnish authorities regarding the Planning document.

Looking forward to further successful cooperation in the field of transboundary SEA.

Enclosed documents: 7 files (*Ministry of Foreign Affairs_Decree.pdf, Ministry of Health_Decree.pdf, Ministry of Interior_Decree.pdf, VAMOIC_Hepomaki.pdf, VARAM_Hepomaki.pdf, Ministry of Economics_Hepomaki.pdf, Nature Conservation Agency_Decree.pdf*)

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