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Supplementary terms of reference for the Swedish National Council for Nuclear Waste (M 1992:A)

Decision at Government meeting of 01 March 2018

Amendment of task and timeframe

The Swedish National Council for Nuclear Waste was established by a decision at a Government meeting on 27 May 1992 (dir. 1992:72) replaced by the supplementary terms of reference (2009:31).

From the beginning of 2018, the Swedish National Council for Nuclear Waste shall review the work of the previous years and submit a report on its independent assessment of the state of the art in the nuclear waste field every other year, instead of every year.

The task of the Swedish National Council for Nuclear Waste shall be time limited until the 31 December 2022. After this, the task may be extended by a maximum of five years at a time.

These terms of reference replace the terms of reference from 08 April 2009.

Task

The Swedish National Council for Nuclear Waste shall investigate and shed light on matters relating to management of nuclear waste and decommissioning and dismantling of nuclear facilities. The Council shall give advice to the Government in these matters. Aside from the Government, important target groups for the Swedish National Council for Nuclear Waste are also concerned public

authorities, the nuclear power industry, municipalities, interested organizations, politicians and the mass media.

The Swedish National Council for Nuclear Waste shall possess broad scientific qualifications in natural science, technology, the social sciences and the humanities.

The Swedish National Council for Nuclear Waste shall assess the Swedish Nuclear Fuel and Waste Management Co's research, development and demonstration programmes (RD&D programmes), applications and other reports of relevance for the final disposal of nuclear waste. The Council shall – not later than nine months after the Swedish Nuclear Fuel and Waste Management Co has submitted its RD&D programme in compliance with Section 12 of the Act (1984:3) on Nuclear Activities – submit its independent assessment of the research and development activities and the other measures described in the programme. The Council shall also follow the work being done on decommissioning and dismantling of nuclear facilities.

In the month of February every other year, starting in 2018, the Council shall submit a report on its independent assessment of the state of the art in the nuclear waste field over the last two years.

The Council shall investigate and shed light on important issues in the nuclear waste field, for example by holding hearings and seminars, so that it can make well-founded recommendations to the Government.

The Council shall also keep track of other countries' programmes for management and disposal of nuclear waste and spent nuclear fuel. The Council should also follow and, where necessary, participate in the work of international organizations on the nuclear waste issue.

The task of the Swedish National Council for Nuclear Waste shall continue until the 31 December 2022. After this, the task may be extended by a maximum of five years at a time.

Organization

The Swedish National Council for Nuclear Waste shall consist of a chairperson and not more than ten other members (one of whom also acts as deputy chairperson). The members shall have broad scientific qualifications in fields related to the nuclear waste issue. It can engage outsiders for special assignments whenever necessary and

economically feasible. Chairperson, members, experts, consultants, secretary and other assistants shall be appointed for a defined term.

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