

BOARD NOTICE

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NATIONAL NUCLEAR REGULATOR

*For the protection of persons, property and the environment
against nuclear damage*

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given, in terms of section 21 of the National Nuclear Regulator Act (Act No. 47 of 1999), for holding Public Hearings relating to the Nuclear Installation Licence Application received from South African Nuclear Energy Corporation (Necsa) for the Proposed Necsa Smelter Project.

Background

Originating from Necsa's previous operations, approximately 14 000 tons of uranium-contaminated scrap metal is presently stored on the Pelindaba site. The greater portion of this metal consists of about 36 000 separation elements which, in accordance with non-proliferation agreements, should be destroyed completely. Necsa regards smelting as the most appropriate and cost-effective method to achieve this and had previously applied to the NNR for a Nuclear Installation Licence for the construction and operation of a smelter for this purpose, on the Pelindaba site.

Availability of Public Information on the Proposed Smelter

The applicant Necsa has prepared a Public Information Document (PID) for the proposed smelter. The purpose of the PID is to provide the general public with information to enable meaningful public participation in the public hearing.

1. The PID is available for download from -

- the NNR website -
www.nnr.co.za/smelterpublichearings/
- the Necsa website -
www.necsa.co.za/Smelter-666.aspx

2. Hardcopies of the PID may be collected from -

- NNR Offices
- Necsa Visitor Centre
- Atteridgeville Library
- Hartbeespoort Local library - Schoemansville

Who can make representations at the public hearing?

Any person directly affected by the NNR's granting of the Nuclear Installation Licence may make representations relating to health, safety and the environment.

Details for the Public Hearings

Date: 11 October 2012
Venue: Royal Elephant Hotel and Conference Centre
(Bondev House), Centurion
Time: 09:00 - 16:30
Email: publichearings@nnr.co.za

Contact: NNR Communications & Stakeholder Relations Office

PO Box 7106 Centurion, 0046
Tel: +27 (0) 12 674 7111
Fax: +27 (0) 86 445 0588
Email: publichearings@nnr.co.za
Web: www.nnr.co.za

How to participate in this Hearing

Persons wishing to make representation to the NNR may -

1. Submit written comments to the NNR.

- Submissions of written comments must reach the NNR by no later than 10 October 2012.
- All written comments must be addressed to -
T Pather: Manager: NTWP
National Nuclear Regulator
P.O. Box 7106
Centurion
0046
- Copies of written representations may also be hand delivered to the offices of the National Nuclear Regulator -
Block G, Eco Glades Office Park 2, 420 Witch Hazel Ave,
Highveld Ext 75, Ecopark, Centurion
- Written representations may also be e-mailed to publichearings@nnr.co.za and marked for the attention of T Pather, Manager: NTWP

2. Make oral presentation at the public hearing.

- Persons wishing to make oral presentations at the public hearing must register with the NNR as an intervener and provide details of the oral submission to be made.
- Oral presentations are limited to a maximum of 10 minutes per presentation.
- Registration as an intervener must be done in writing and the following details must be provided -
 - Full Name
 - Identity/passport Number
 - Organisation represented
 - Postal address
 - E-mail address
 - Contact telephone number (landline + cellphone)
- Duly completed and signed registration applications must be marked for the attention of T Pather, Manager: NTWP and may be -
 - e-mailed to the NNR at publichearings@nnr.co.za
 - hand delivered to the NNR Offices -
Block G, Eco Glades Office Park 2, 420 Witch Hazel Ave,
Highveld Ext 75, Ecopark, Centurion
 - posted to the NNR, National Nuclear Regulator,
P.O. Box 7106, Centurion, 0046
- Closing date for registration as an intervener is 30 September 2012.
- No late registrations will be entertained.
- Registered interveners will be informed by the NNR, no later than 05 October 2012, of the confirmed time for their oral presentation during the hearing.

The NNR is committed to conducting its regulatory responsibilities in an open and transparent manner, and keeping the public informed of its oversight activities. We recognize the public's interest in the fair regulation of nuclear activities and therefore provide opportunities for concerned citizens to be heard. We encourage your participation and comments.