



1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to present a high level summary of the presentations made and to note the stakeholder feedback from the NNR webinar with intergovernmental organs of state.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 The NNR considers public hearings a valued and important part of the licensing process and encourages the public's participation and involvement. Public hearings are the final stage in the NNR's comprehensive safety review process for considering the Nuclear Installation Site Licence Application (NISL) made by Eskom Holdings SOC Limited. On 24 June 2021, the NNR served notice of hybrid public hearings for the Thyspunt site in accordance with section 21(4)(b) of the National Nuclear Regulator Act, Act No 47 of 1999.

2.2 The hybrid public hearings serve as an engagement mechanism for the NNR to listen to stakeholder concerns directly relating to health, safety and the environment connected with the application under consideration. The hearings are scheduled for 25 and 26 August 2021.

2.3 In the run-up to the hybrid public hearings the NNR held a stakeholder engagement webinar with intergovernmental organs of state on 27 July 2021. The objectives of the webinar were to disseminate information on the NNR's nuclear licensing process and the NISL project with specific focus on the public hearings. Additionally, the webinar served as a mechanism to gather input from intergovernmental organs of state on the NISL project.

2.4 The webinar was hosted by the NNR Communications and Stakeholder Relations department. The webinar was attended by 15 participants. In attendance were representatives from the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA), South African Heritage Resource Agency (SAHRA) and the NNR. The webinar was structured with an introduction to the participants; three presentations, each followed by Q&A and a chat-based feedback from participants.

2.5 Overview of discussions and key takeaways



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2.5.1 Mr. Gino Moonsamy opened the webinar with welcome remarks and participants were afforded the opportunity to introduce themselves. He then provided an overview of intergovernmental cooperation in relation to the mandate of the NNR. Mr Peter Bester presented the NNR's Nuclear Authorisation Process and shared an update on current nuclear projects at Koeberg Nuclear Power Station (KNPS). He explained the NNR's regulatory approach and direction with regards to the Steam Generator Replacement Project and Long Term Operations of the KNPS. Dr Sifiso Nhleko provided an overview of Thyspunt NISL application project. He summarised the deliverables completed, explained the independent verification activities and presented the highlights of the field activities conducted. Mr. Gino Moonsamy then presented the NNR's hybrid public hearings plan and encouraged stakeholders to participate in the hearings.

2.5.1 Questions and Answers

Q1: Mr Sandile Maphanga (CAA) asked if the air above the chosen site was checked and if there are any flight routes over the site?

- Dr Nhleko confirmed that the air above the chosen site was checked and stated that the NNR will consult further with CAA post public hearings. Mr Bester added that similar to Koeberg NPP, if the licence is awarded, this site will be regarded as a national key point and therefore no flights will be allowed over the site.

Q2: Captain Ravi Naicker (SAMSA) asked if the NNR received were any comments from the Department of Transport and the South African Navy on the NISL?

- Mr Bester indicated that the comment stage was implemented in 2016 and that he will have to check the comments and revert.

Q3: Ms Mamakomoreng Nkhasi-Lesaoana (SAHRA), enquired if the venues for public hearings were accessible to local communities and recommended the NNR use radio station Umhlobowenene FM to create awareness of the public hearings.

- Mr Moonsamy clarified that the public hearings venues were carefully selected with due consideration for enabling participation by interested and affected parties. He stated that the NNR consulted with the Kouga local municipality on local community engagement. Mr Moonsamy welcomed the recommendation of Umhlobowenene FM to create awareness of the public hearings.



2.5.2 Participant feedback

- Ms Mamakomoreng Nkhasi-Lesaoana indicated that SAHRA found the engagement very informative.
- Mr Nico Smit thanked the NNR for taking the CAA through the process and added that the engagement was very informative.

2.5.3 Actions for NNR

- NNR to share webinar presentations with participants.
- NNR to engage with CAA, SAMSA, Department of Transport and the South African Navy on relevant technical issues post public hearings.

3 CONCLUSION

The public hearings stakeholder engagement webinar was successful in sharing information and creating awareness of the NNR's nuclear licensing process and the NISL project amongst intergovernmental organs of state.

- The webinar recording can be accessed via the following link:
https://nuclearregulatorrsamy.sharepoint.com/:v/g/personal/vseitei_nnr_co_za/EWlyYTbLvS5Nr217aiPWQx4B_9YYSR5ATwwhyvC8dmt_3q?e=XMHnZd
- Annexure 1: Webinar Attendance Register



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