



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given, in terms of section 21(4)(b) of the National Nuclear Regulator Act, Act No 47 of 1999 (The Act) for holding public hearings relating to the Nuclear Installation Site Licence (NISL) application received from Eskom Holdings SOC Limited for the Thyspunt site located in the Eastern Cape.

Background

The NISL application received by the National Nuclear Regulator (NNR) is limited to the evaluation of the suitability of the Thyspunt site for a new nuclear installation in accordance with the Regulation on Licencing of Sites for New Nuclear Power Plants issued in terms of the Act. The applicant is therefore not applying for a nuclear installation licence to construct and operate a nuclear installation.

Details for the public hearings

- 23 November 2021 Venue: Kruisfontein Civic Centre, Humansdorp, Time: 18:00 - 21:00
- 24 November 2021, Venue: Vusumzi Landu Hall, Hankey, Time 18:00 - 21:00

The public hearings will be held in strict compliance with National Government COVID-19 regulations.

Availability of public information for the Thyspunt NISL

The applicant Eskom (Pty) SOC has prepared a Public Information Document (PID) to enable public to participate in the public hearing.

1. The PID may be downloaded from -
 - a. The NNR website –
 - English: <https://nnr.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/English-Nuclear-Installation-Site-Licence-Public-Information-Document.pdf>
 - Afrikaans: <https://nnr.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Afrikaans-Nuclear-Installation-Site-Licence-Public-Information-Document.pdf>
 - isiXhosa: <https://nnr.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/isiXhosa-Nuclear-Installation-Site-Licence-Public-Information-Document.pdf>
 - b. The Eskom website –
<https://www.eskom.co.za/Whatweredoing/ElectricityGeneration/NuclearSiteLicense/>

2. Hardcopies of the PID may be collected from the Kouga Municipal Libraries and Ward Councillors Offices.

Who can make representations at the public hearings?

Any person who may be directly affected by the granting of the NISL may make written or oral representations relating to health, safety and the environment.

How to participate in this public hearings?

1. Submit written comments to the NNR.
 - a. All written comments must be addressed to –
Mr Gino Moonsamy, Manager Communication & Stakeholder Relations, National Nuclear Regulator.
 - b. Hand deliver written comments to:
 - Kouga Municipal Libraries
 - Kouga Ward Councillors Offices;
 - c. Due date for submitting written comments is **21 November 2021**.
2. Written comments may also be emailed to NISLPublichearings@nnr.co.za
3. Make oral presentations at the public hearing.
 - a. Persons wishing to make oral presentations at the public hearing are required to register with the NNR as an intervener and provide details of the oral submission to be made. Registrations forms to make oral presentations are available at the Kouga Municipal Libraries and Ward Councillors Offices.
 - b. Oral presentations will be made in-person at the venue and is limited to 10 minutes per presentation.
 - c. Indicate if the oral presentation will be made in English or if a translator is required.
 - d. Should you require any special assistance to participate in this process please fill in a request for special assistance form which is available at the Kouga Municipal Libraries and Ward Councillors Offices.
 - e. The deadline for registration to make oral presentations is **16 November 2021**.
 - f. The online Public Hearings Registration Form is available on the NNR website.
 - g. For more information on the scheduled public hearings visit: <https://nnr.co.za/public-hearings-2/>

Disclaimer: The NNR reserves the right to postpone or cancel a public hearing in case of unexpected circumstances or due to public health and safety concerns associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. In the event that the external environment is unsuitable for in-person participation, the NNR may decide on alternative methods for soliciting public participation.