

In response to your letter dated 25 July 2011, with reference EPZ/CVe/MCN/B1100560, in which you ask for confirmation of the position that amendments to the safety report, proposed by NV EPZ, for the Borssele Nuclear Power Station (KCB) with a view to an extension of the operating period until the end of 2033, do not require an EIA, I would like to inform you as follows. I share your opinion that the Long Term Operation (LTO) licence amendment, where the safety report of the KCB is to be altered with regard to the effects of the longer period of operation on the design analyses and on other aspects relating to the safe continuation of operations after 2013, does not require an EIA. In the context of the LTO, the primary issue is the formalisation of amendments to the safety report related to the Nuclear Power Act legislation. In the most extreme case, one-for-one replacement of components that are subordinate to the environment may be necessary. In other words, the LTO does not involve an expansion or alteration to the structure or design of the KCB. Nor does it appear to involve any category D 22.3 cases mentioned in the appendix to the Environmental Impact Assessment Decree (*Besluit milieueffectrapportage*). In addition, there are no environmental consequences from the proposed changes to the safety report or from the one-for-one component replacements. Should the LTO licence application submitted in 2012 contain elements other than those previously understood, then of course the situation will be different, and that will necessitate a fresh evaluation.

Translation letter of 13 September 2011
Screening not to conduct an EIA