

Espoo Convention Secretariat

The Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine confirms its respect to the Espoo Convention Secretariat and first of all we would like to thank you for the fruitful cooperation with the Ukrainian side, particularly with the Ministry of Ecology.

With the reference to the letter signed by the Head of the Committee on the implementation of the Espoo Convention dated on September 7, 2011 concerning the providing of information on the continued operation of nuclear reactors 1 and 2 at the Rivne NPP (hereinafter – RNPP) and in this regard to the provisions of the Espoo Convention the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine has generalized the information provided by the interested central executive authorities and informs the following.

Rivne NPP power units were put into commercial operation in 90s of the last century, the power unit №1 on December 22, 1980, № 2 on December 22, 1981, № 3 on December 21, 1986, № 4 in 2004. According to Art. 6 of the Law of Ukraine “On making decisions of the planning, accommodation, construction of nuclear installations and facilities designed for radioactive wastes with national importance status” decision to continue operating of the RNPP power units 1 and 2 was adopted by the State Nuclear Regulatory Inspection of Ukraine as a result of state expertize nuclear and radiation safety of the document "Report on the frequency of power units security revaluation" provided by the operating organization. Indicated Report has been conducted after project analyses. In this Report the estimation was made by 14 factors of safety, one of which was «Environmental Impact». By the result of this estimation, the indicated environmental impact does not exceed legal limits.

As a result of periodic safety reassessment report of this power units and nuclear and radiation safety state expertize in 2010 operating organization (operator) state enterprise «National Nuclear Power Company «Enerhoatom» has obtained a license on further operation of power units 1 and 2 of RNPP for 20 years, issued by State Nuclear Regulatory Inspection of Ukraine. Additionally inform that periodic safety reassessment after project analyses, including safety factor «Environmental Impact» shall be executed after 10 years of exploitation of this power units.

According to the information received from the Ministry of Energy and Coal Industry of Ukraine power units 1 and 2 have not been changed their technical/performance characteristics, set by project, under which they were implemented in the 80s of last century.

The Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.

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