



Cabinet of the Minister

Reg.No.: 6665/GLG/ 27.01.2015

Subject: EIA procedure for the investment proposal initiated by State enterprise "Radioactive Waste" - updated Terms of Reference

Dear Minister,

Following your letter no. 26.00-1943/December 2014 regarding EIA procedure for the investment proposal "Construction of National disposal facility for low and intermediate Radioactive Waste" initiated by State enterprise "Radioactive Waste" we inform you as follows:

*Between September 2009 and February 2012 Romania participated as an affected party in the transboundary EIA procedure for the project "Construction of National disposal facility for low and intermediate Radioactive Waste". The Bulgarian Ministry of Environment and Water (MOEW) issued the EIA Decision no 21-9/2011 that was subject to litigation before the court. The court's solution was to return EIA documentation to MOEW for reconsideration.*

*The amendment for the project "Construction of National disposal facility for low and intermediate Radioactive Waste" is subject to the provisions of Article 4, item 24 - Annex I of Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment. In order to continue a good cooperation between Romania and Bulgaria on projects subject to Espoo Convention and taking into account the requirements of Art. 5 letter c) of the Convention, as a necessary legislative instrument that allows Parties to make rational decisions in terms of environment, please have the kindness to inform us on the following issues that led to reconsideration of the decision for the proposed project:*

*- The reasons given by the Court in its solution in returning the EIA documentation for reconsideration.*

*- What were the new elements/changes of the project that led to upgrading ToR, with their presentation compared with the project elements that have been submitted to the transboundary procedure that Romania has previously analyzed and for which was issued the EIA Decision 21-9 /2011.*

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*After receiving the requested information, the Romanian public authorities with responsibilities in evaluating the new project will be able to formulate opinions on the updated ToR to the project "Construction of National disposal facility for low and intermediate Radioactive Waste" and the Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests will send you the synthesis of these views.*

Please accept, Ms. Minister, the assurance of my highest consideration and esteem.

Yours sincerely,

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MINISTER