

Regulators

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Due to the lack of major nuclear facilities in Austria and because of the federal structure there is no centralized regulatory authority in Austria. However, in the field of radioactive waste management, the main responsibilities for regulation, licensing and supervision are concentrated within the Federal Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management. It is the competent licensing and supervisory authority with respect to radiation protection for the construction and operation of all major nuclear facilities other than for medical use including radioactive waste management facilities. Other competent authorities are:

The Federal Minister of the Interior is the competent authority for supervision of nuclear facilities with regard to physical protection and in charge of transport safety measures with regard to the carriage of nuclear materials.

The Federal Minister of Economy and Labour is the competent authority for safeguards.

The Federal Minister of Justice is responsible for all legal matters relating to the Nuclear Liability Act.

The Heads of Governments of the Federal Provinces issue licenses according to the Environmental Impact Assessment Act.

The locally competent Regional or District Authorities (all in all 99 districts in Austria) are the common radiation protection authorities and responsible for licensing and supervision according to the Radiation Protection Act. They issue i.e. licenses for the handling of radioactive material and can oblige the licensee to deliver their waste to Nuclear Engineering Seibersdorf GmbH (NES). Each licensee is inspected on a regular basis by the competent authority. As a part of this inspection process the records about the balance of radioactive material and of radioactive waste come under scrutiny.

The Mayors of the Local Communities issue common building licenses.