

Waste Management Infrastructure and Financing

Country: LITHUANIA

Reporting Year: 2013

National Infrastructure

Nuclear Energy Context:	
Research & Development:	
Policies and Programs:	
Decommissioning and Dismantling:	
Legal Framework:	<p>The list of main laws regulating the management of spent nuclear fuel and radioactive waste in Lithuania is provided below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law on the Management of Radioactive Waste (1999, last amended 2014); • Law on Nuclear Energy (1996, last amended 2014); • Law on Radiation Protection (1999, last amended 2011); • Law on the Ratification of the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management (2003); • Lithuanian Radioactive Waste Management Programme (2015) (national strategy prepared in accordance with Council Directive 2011/70/Euratom) <p>The operator of radioactive waste management facilities is fully responsible for the safety of these facilities. INPP is responsible for the safe management of radioactive waste produced during operation or accepted for storage or processing, and produced during decommissioning until this waste is transferred for disposal. INPP is also responsible for construction and operation of disposal facilities for short-lived radioactive waste (Landfill facility for A class wastes (VLLW-SL) and Near Surface Repository for B and C class waste (LLW-SL and ILWSL)) as well for construction of storage facilities of LL waste and Spent Fuel.</p> <p>The Law on Nuclear Safety describes licensing procedure and types of licenses as well as permits to be issued, validity of these licenses and permits, the main steps and principals of nuclear safety evaluation and responsibility and fines for not following the law. VATESI is state regulatory and supervisory authority in Lithuania for activities involving nuclear materials and other activities in the area of nuclear energy involving sources of ionizing radiation. VATESI sets safety requirements and regulations, supervises compliance with them, applies enforcement measures in case of incompliance with safety requirements and regulations, issues licenses, permits and temporary permits and assesses safety of nuclear facilities.</p> <p>The Radiation Protection Centre (RPC) coordinates actions of state and municipal institutions in the manner established by the Government or, upon direction from the Government, by the Minister of Health, in the area of radiation protection, exercises the state regulation and supervision of both radiation protection in respect of exposure of members of the public and the environment, and the practices involving sources of ionizing radiation, except of practices in the area of nuclear energy.</p>
Planned Improvements:	

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Nuclear installations:	
Legacy Wastes:	
Medical installations:	
Extractive Industries:	
Additional Comments:	