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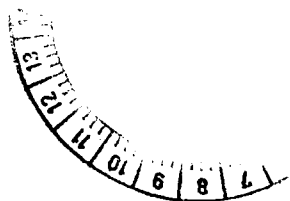
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Communication from the Commission to the Council

Revision of the Community plan of action in the field of radioactive waste



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Subject : Revision of the Community plan of action in the field of radioactive waste.

The Commission would refer to the Council Resolution of 18 February 1980 (OJ N° C 51/1, 29.2.1980) on the implementation of a Community plan of action in the field of radioactive waste.

In this Resolution it is stated that the plan "runs from 1980 to 1992 and is reviewable every three years".

In the context of the additional task associated with the implementation of this plan - a task assigned under another Council Resolution of 18 February 1980 (OJ N° C 51/4, 29.2.1980) - the Advisory Committee on Programme Management for the Management and Storage of Radioactive Waste examined the desirability of a possible revision of the plan of action at its sixth meeting, held on 5 November 1982, when it approved of the annexed opinion.

Consequently, the Commission is now in a position to comment on a possible amendment to the Community plan of action in the field of radioactive wastes.

In the first place, the Commission notes that this plan of action fits perfectly into the overall framework programme of scientific and technical research, development and demonstration activities which it is proposing to the European Community for the years 1984-87 (*). This programme involves the consolidation and intensification of the fission nuclear energy R, D & D projects in fields concerning safety, health and environmental protection.

The Commission also notes that the points underlying the plan are still valid as the activities currently being pursued show; these include :

- the analysis of the situation prevailing in radioactive waste management in the Community and its prospects, such an analysis being the subject of a separate Communication from the Commission to the Council;

- the examination of the measures likely to ensure the long-term storage of radioactive wastes under optimum conditions and for which a Community study (Project PAGIS) has been initiated;

(*) Proposals for a European Scientific and Technical Strategy Framework Programme, 1984-87 (Doc. COM(82) 865 final of 21 December 1982).

- a consultation on the quality and properties of conditioned wastes supported by a co-ordinated project under the R & D programme on the management and storage of radioactive wastes;

- the preparation of information documents complementing the analysis of the situation prevailing in radioactive waste management in the Community referred to above.

Consequently, the Commission feels that the implementation of the plan of action should continue along the lines defined at present by this plan and that no revision is necessary. It reserves the right, however, to propose amendments to the Council before the expiry of the new period of three years, which has just begun, should the need arise.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT

Community Plan of Action in the Field of Radioactive Waste

Opinion

In accordance with the Council Resolution of 18 February 1980 * on the implementation of a Community plan of action (1980-1992) in the field of radioactive waste, reviewable every three years, the Advisory Committee on Programme Management (ACPM) discussed, at its meeting of 5 November 1982, the advisability of amending the plan with effect from 1983.

The Committee held an exchange of views on the general situation as regards waste management in the Community, as described in the report entitled "Analysis of the present situation and prospects in the field of radioactive waste management in the Community", drawn up by the Commission in implementation of point 1 of the plan. The Committee considered the report a fair reflection both of the present situation in the Member states and of the future prospects, as derived from the information supplied by the countries concerned.

In the same context, the Committee took note of the progress that had been made since its meeting of 17 February 1982 with regard to the other points of the plan.

The Committee was particularly pleased with the progress on the PAGIS concerted-action project (performance assessment of geological isolation systems). The Committee considered that the content, guidelines and implementation of the plan were still directly relevant to present requirements as regards waste management in the Community.

Consequently, the Committee was of the unanimous opinion that the Community Plan of action need not at present be altered in any way. It did not, however rule out the possibility of its being amended before the expiry of the next three-year period (1983-1985).

Done at Brussels, 5 November 1982.



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