

Ciaran Mcgoldrick

From: Chief Executive
Sent: Tuesday 24 March 2020 14:32
To: Ciaran Mcgoldrick
Subject: CNFE Mail: The Belgian Court decision on lifetime extension Doel 1 and 2

Good afternoon Ciaran,

Please see below email for noting at your next SPC meeting.

Hope you are keeping well.

Kind regards,

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Dear mayor, dear councilor, dear colleague,

First of all, we hope you are doing well in these disturbing times. We do realize that you probably have more urgent issues on your mind than European nuclear policy and maybe you don't have time to read our info-mail. But old nuclear plants all over Europe are still a danger for our cities, the nuclear lobby doesn't stop claiming that mini- reactors are a solution for climate change, etc. CNFE wants to keep you informed about important developments.

The Belgian Court published a decision on lifetime extension of Doel 1 and 2. The two 45 years old nuclear reactors north of Antwerp, less than 20 km away from CNFE member Bergen op Zoom.

The court annulled the special law from 2015 that enabled Doel 1 to restart and both reactors to operate and produce electricity until 2025. Because The court deems it likely that direct closure of Doel 1 and 2 would lead to problems with security of electricity supply in Belgium, the court allows operation of both reactors until the government takes a new decision, at the latest before 31 December 2022.

The important thing is that that decision must include an official Environmental Impact Assessment procedure, which has to be transboundary and has to include a public participation procedure.

This is an important piece of jurisprudence for all of Europe. The decision of the Belgian Court was supported by the European Court of Justice. It means that decisions on lifetime extension all over Europe should not be made without a (transboundary) Environmental Impact Assessment.

In the specific case of Doel 1 and 2 there is a reasonable chance that Electrabel- Engie will close Doel 1 and 2 by the end of 2022, and save the extra investments for a three-year extension. If not, then there will be an EIA procedure that also will include countries like the Netherlands, Germany, Luxembourg, Austria, and potentially France and maybe others (UK? Norway? Denmark?).

We thought we should not withhold you this positive news in these worrying times.

Please do not hesitate to contact us, if you have any questions or remarks, and stay healthy.

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