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Statement of the state of Mecklenburg- Western Pomerania on the procedure for the environmental impact assessment for a lifetime extension or decommissioning of the Loviisa nuclear power plant

Your notification dated August 26, 2020, Ref.: VN/19135/2020

Dear Sir or Madame,

thank you for the notification by which Finland announces to carry out an environmental impact assessment for a lifetime extension or decommissioning of the Loviisa nuclear power plant.

As the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety has already informed you, the state of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania is playing a leading role for Germany in the environmental impact assessment process. The statement of the also participating state of Rhineland-Palatinate is attached to this letter.

With regard to a possible extension of the service life or decommissioning of the Loviisa nuclear power plant, the state of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania strongly advocates decommissioning the reactors. Against the background of the devastating nuclear accidents in Chernobyl and Fukushima, plans to continue using nuclear energy to generate electricity should be dispensed in the interests of the population and the environment of all Baltic Sea countries. In the environmental impact assessment for the variant of the extension of the running time, we ask you to consider the influence of neutron embrittlement on the condition of the reactor pressure vessels.

Yours sincerely
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