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Environmentalists for Nuclear Power (MFK in short) is a politically and economically independent Society founded in 1988 by environmentalists who were tired of the ongoing Swedish energy debate dominated by a completely unrealistic anti-nuclear propaganda. We are participating in the debate with facts and knowledge rather than with the usual prejudices and beliefs. Health, environment and economy must be taken into consideration and nuclear power must be judged under the same conditions as other alternatives for the electricity supply.

Currently we have some thousand members all over Sweden. Our organisation has many highly qualified members and therefore we are able to provide informed commentary on technical as well as health and environmental aspects of the nuclear energy debate.

Lietuvos Energija AB has initiated the environmental impact assessment procedure concerning a new nuclear power plant in Lithuania. The power plant would be located in the near vicinity of the current Ignalina nuclear power plant (INPP). The net electrical output of new nuclear power plant would be at most 3 400 MW and it would replace the current INPP Unit 1, which was closed on December 31, 2004 and Unit 2, which is scheduled to be shut down at the end of 2009.

MFK supports the application of Lietuvos Energija AB for a new nuclear power plant. We consider the environment impact assessment (MKB) to cover relevant aspects within the complete life cycle of the plant, including normal operation as well as accident conditions. It is inevitable that this kind of investigations focuses on the negative impacts, demonstrating how they are minimized. MFK therefore suggests that the MKB uses the life cycle analyses for comparison with alternatives, to emphasize also the positive effects, especially the extremely low impacts on environment and climate that result from a nuclear facility.

On behalf of MFK

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