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Dear Niels

As I have announced earlier we would answer the questions from Gerhard Schmidt in writing before the conference next Tuesday. I attach the document with questions and answers. The document makes it clear – as I have mentioned before – that Gerhard Schmidt's criticism of the Danish process is based on a profound lack of information on his part about even basic elements and documents in this process.

In addition to the Q & A-paper, Danish Decommissioning has reviewed and commented in detail on Gerhard Schmidt's: The Danish inventory of radioactive waste and the required repository type, Öko-Institut Working paper 3/2014.

In conclusion Danish Decommissioning remarks as follows:

“In the Working Paper Gerhard Schmidt comments on the Danish process towards a repository for radioactive waste, suggests a number of solutions for the waste largely based on ‘own’ data and furthermore makes a number of unsubstantiated claims about the professional competences of the staff working on a solution for the Danish radioactive waste.

The Working Paper contains a large number of flaws, errors and faulty assumptions e.g. on the background for and the decisions made regarding repository concept and on the geology of Denmark. Also, it contains a number of unsubstantiated statements about the waste such as e.g. ‘all other wastes are too long-lived to be suitable for surface disposal’. Statements like this are apparently not based on calculations on the specific Danish data.

It is likely that the Working Paper had improved if the author in accordance with good scientific practice had collected all the existing reports describing the background for and overall content of the pre-feasibility study. It is worth noticing, and surprising to us, that there has been no contact whatsoever between the author and the organizations behind the pre-feasibility studies before the Working Paper was published.

We have added our more specific comments directly in the document.”

I attach the document with DD's comments.

As communicated earlier Danish Decommissioning and I do not participate in the conference because of the political agreement to halt all work on the repository track for the time being. In case you and Gerhard Schmidt proceed along the same line of criticism, I think it would fair, that you communicate the material to speakers and panelists, and in particular the chair, Torsten Carlsson.

Yours sincerely,

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