

GERMAN TEMELIN OPPONENTS VISIT TEMELÍN NPP AFTER ACCIDENT

Temelín, 24 September 2012 - EU Commissioner Oettinger was planning to have four nuclear power stations visited after the European nuclear stress tests following the Fukushima catastrophe in Japan. Only two of those are now left. Santa Maria de la Garoña in Spain will be closed in 2013, the French Fessenheim in 2016. Still left are Cattenom and Temelin. Cattenom in France got a visit of Occupy Cattenom last Saturday. And Temelin had an accident on 17-09-2012 at the generator in reactor 1. Exactly this is the reactor about which Ir. Jan Haverkamp and Ing. Jiri Tutter expressed concern about in the Greenpeace documentation "The Risks of Skoda" (1). In this report they warn for a faulty repair a central welding seam of one of the central cooling pipes to the reactor. In 2011, the Greens of the German Fichtelgebirge region organized a first hearing in Temelin because of this welding. Their second hearing took place on 22./23.09.2012 together with critical nuclear experts of various EU countries and citizens of Germany.

After a visit to the Temelin nuclear power plant, a meeting took place between representatives of CEZ and the head of the Czech State Office for Nuclear Safety SUJB, Dana Drábová, and the organizer of the hearing, Wunsiedel Councillor Brigitte Artmann and her guests. Ms Artmann noticed that although Greenpeace had complained through the Czech courts, the files concerning the welding case were never published. Ms. Drábová explained the visitors that the crucial file 15/2001/SUJB was not in a form to be published. Ms Artmann declared another attempt will be made to have the matter clarified with all persons involved on 18-10-2012 in the District Department in Wunsiedel. The in Prague living Greenpeace nuclear expert Jan Haverkamp said: "Ms. Ing Drábová has made in the past at least once a decision under political and economic pressure, which in the view of security was not acceptable: the notorious welding-affair in Temelin. This reactor must be closed immediately for safety reasons. The reactors at Temelin must be investigated with the same new methods as recently used in the reactor of Doel." Cracks were found recently in Doel, Belgium and the reactors were taken off the grid. In this context, Greenpeace criticized vehemently the EU stress tests (2) "The Insurance Forum Leipzig estimates in a nuclear insurance study that the economic damage of a meltdown in Europe could be as much as 6090 billion Euros (3). The Czech Republic's liability cap amounts to 300 million Euros. "No nuclear power station can be insured. Profits are privatised, but the liability is on the shoulder of the public. The only solution is: SHUTDOWN" said Artmann.

Jan Haverkamp criticized strongly the currently proposed energy concept of the Czech Republic. "New nuclear power stations will bring the Czech Republic only more problems - economically, the country cannot afford it; the already existing power stations Dukovany and Temelin show that 100% safety is not secured; all tricks from the last century are re-used to keep the population as badly informed as possible. The Czech people deserve better - they deserve a future oriented energy policy, not the nuclear and coal dinosaurs from the 20st century."

The Czech Ministry of Environment received 50,000 submissions from Germany and Austria in the current Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of the planned new Temelin reactors 3 and 4. The visitors criticised the used "black box procedure" which does not investigate the differences between proposed nuclear technologies, the missing legally prescribed public hearing in Germany and the problems during the only official hearing, which took place for five neighboring countries in České Budějovice in Czech Republic. These issues violate international and European law. Brigitte Artmann submitted in the name of Germany citizens who could not participate properly complaints against the Czech Republic to the European Commission and the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee. Both complaints are accepted and will be proofed. Artmann refers in this context to the parliamentary inquiry 17/10435 of Green MP Sylvia Kotting-Uhl about EIA Temelin and welding-affair (4) and a statement of the parliamentary group of the Bavarian Greens. (5)

The Temelín Information Center was visited on Saturday including a tour into the site of the Temelin NPP. Experts at the hearing included former Environment Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Czech Republic Martin Bursik, nuclear expert from České Budějovice Dalibor Strasky, Monika Machova Wittingerová from the South Bohemian Mothers against Nuclear Power, Pavel Vlček of the Citizens Environmental Initiative, Edvard Sequens of Calla, Miroslav Patrik of Děti Země Brno, Karin Wurzbacher and Christina Hacker of the Umweltinstitut Munich, Patricia Lorenz of Global 2000/Friends of the Earth Europe, Federal Councillor of Lower Austria Elisabeth Kerschbaum, Herbert Barthel of the Bund Naturschutz Bavaria, Ing. Vladimír Halama and Marta Heveryova of the civic association V havarijní zóně jaderné elektrárny Temelín and and participants from EU-Countries. Dr. Alfred Körblein presented his impressing study of children leukemia around NPP.

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(1)Reference welding report „The Risks of Skoda“ Jiri Tutter/ Jan Haverkamp

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Visit to NPP Temelin – 22/23 September 2012 with Jan Haverkamp Greenpeace Nuclear expert for Central and Eastern Europe

2. International hearing NPP Temelin - Organizer: The Greens Fichtelgebirge

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(2) Greenpeace EU-Stresstests| Nuclear stress test map reveals alarming gaps in results
<http://www.greenpeace.org/eu-unit/en/News/2012/Stress-tests-PR/>

(3) Versicherungsforen Leipzig Study - Calculating a risk- appropriate insurance premium to cover third-party liability risks that result from operation of nuclear power plants
Commissioned by the German Renewable Energy Federation (BEE)
http://www.mng.org.uk/gh/private/20111006_NPP_Insurance_Study_Versicherungsforen.pdf

(4) Kleine Anfrage der Abgeordneten Sylvia Kotting-Uhl und Fraktion Bündnis 90/Die Grünen
(17/10435) Anfrage 17/10435 <http://dipbt.bundestag.de/dip21/btd/17/104/1710435.pdf>

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(5) Temelin-Ausbau: Erfolg für Grüne|EU prüft Einleitung eines Vertragsverletzungsverfahrens gegen tschechische Staatsregierung. Die Grünen im Bayerischen Landtag sehen sich auf ganzer Linie bestätigt
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EIA and SEA necessary text of European Law |UVP und SUP – relevante Gesetzestexte
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www.aarhus-konvention.de

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www.unece.org/env/pp/treatytext.html

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