

OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY OF THE STATE SAFETY REGULATION IN THE FIELD OF ATOMIC ENERGY USE

POLICY STATEMENT

This Policy Statement of the Federal Environmental, Industrial and Nuclear Supervision Service of Russia (Rostekhnadzor) on openness and transparency of the State safety regulation in the field of atomic energy use (hereinafter referred to as the “Policy Statement”) has been developed based on provisions of regulatory legal acts of the Russian Federation; recommendations of international organizations related to atomic energy use and taking into account the experience of work of the foreign bodies for safety regulation in the use of atomic energy.

The objective of the Policy Statement is to increase the level of openness of information on the activities of Rostekhnadzor; the efficiency of exercising civil control over the Service’s functions associated with the state safety regulation in the use of atomic energy; the assurance of procedural transparency in decisions making and their implementation. The goal is to ensure efficient implementation of actions identified in the Basics of State Policy in the Field of Nuclear and Radiation Safety of the Russian Federation up to 2025, approved by the President of the Russian Federation on March 1, 2012, № Pr-539, as well as measures on the improvement of the state governance system, defined in the decrees of the President of the Russian Federation dated May 7, 2012 and the Policy Priorities of the Government of the Russian Federation up to 2018, approved by the Prime Minister of the Russian Federation on January 31, 2013.

To achieve the above mentioned objectives Rostekhnadzor conducts and shall proceed with purposeful and systematic activities to implement the mechanisms of openness and transparency in fulfilling its functions of safety regulation in the use of atomic energy, and in conducting public dialogue on related safety issues guided by the following basic principles:

- Publicity and assurance of human and civil rights and freedoms, including the right to truthful information on the safety status of nuclear facilities and activities performed at their sites;
- Transparency, apprehensibility, openness, credibility and accessibility of information about the results of activities on safety regulation in the use of atomic energy to the public;

- Involvement and participation of the public and expert community in the decision-making process related to safety regulation in the use of atomic energy;
- Openness of information on the safety status of safety status of nuclear facilities and activities performed at their sites with exception of restricted information in accordance with the respective federal laws.

Rostekhnadzor is implementing a comprehensive set of measures on the fulfillment of the above principles, including:

- The most significant and complicated scientific and technical issues pertaining to nuclear and radiation safety regulation are discussed at the meetings of the Scientific and Technical Council with participation of a wide range of experts from scientific organizations and representatives of nuclear power industry;
- Issues of nuclear and radiation safety regulation are published in the specialized section on the official web-site of Rostekhnadzor;
- On its official web-site and the web-site of its scientific and technical support organization Rostekhnadzor provides a list of federal codes and rules in the field of atomic energy use that are in its competence;
- The scientific and technical support organizations on their web-sites and corporate internet portal provide detailed and up-to-date information on different aspects of nuclear and radiation safety, on the status of drafting of federal codes and rules, safety guides and national standards;
- Drafts of regulatory legal acts, including federal codes and rules prior to their adoption and entering into force are widely discussed by the public and the specialists of nuclear power industry;
- The Press Service works on regular basis with the mass media for impartial reporting of the issues existing in the field of nuclear and radiation safety regulation;
- The most urgent nuclear and radiation safety issues, approved and being drafted federal codes and rules are published in the official quarterly publication of Rostekhnadzor – the “Nuclear and Radiation Safety” Magazine;
- Urgent issues of state safety regulation are published as methodological manuals designed for both specialists of nuclear power industry and wide public;
- The Public Council reviews the results of Rostekhnadzor activities and those of its scientific and technical support organizations pertaining to key areas of nuclear and radiation safety regulation on a regular basis;
- Public Reception Room has been created and now works with public appeals related to any of Rostekhnadzor activities, including in the field of nuclear

and radiation safety regulation, sent either by regular mail (post) or posted on the official web-site, as well as for personal reception of citizens.

At the same time Rostekhnadzor deems necessary to further develop its activities on the implementation of mechanisms associated with openness and transparency of its work pertaining to safety regulation in the field of atomic energy use.

The priority instruments for fulfilling the objectives set are:

- Improving of public feed-back forms and techniques, including the development of procedures and mechanisms for on-line interaction on the official web-site and those of its scientific and technical support organizations;
- Assuring participation of a wide range of specialists and public in the discussions on the drafting of regulatory legal documents developed by Rostekhnadzor, and providing access to the existing regulatory legal documents and safety guides;
- Publishing of reports on the results of inspections and checks conducted at nuclear facilities on the official web-site;
- Publishing of annual reports on the results of its activities on safety regulation in the use of atomic energy in the press and on its official web-site;
- Providing in a systematic and impartial manner through its publications and official web-site information on significant violations at nuclear facilities;
- Providing objective information to the public on urgent issues related to regulation and assurance of safety in the use of atomic energy, on the principles and relevant criteria of safety assurance, established in the regulatory legal documents;
- Developing forms and techniques to discuss most significant and complicated scientific and technical problems of nuclear and radiation safety nature and decisions taken thereof pertaining to regulation of nuclear and radiation safety;
- Using and improving forms, methods and techniques of interaction with journalists, mass media, including electronic media;
- Regular discussion of various aspects of activity on safety regulation in the use of atomic energy during the Public Council meetings, meetings of the Scientific and Technical Council, commissions and working groups with the involvement of a wide range of specialists of nuclear power industry and public;
- Use of efficient mechanisms of prompt response to the appeals coming from citizens and organizations, including in case of accidents and incidents at nuclear facilities;

- Participation in the work of conferences, symposia, workshops and other public events, including foreign bilateral and multilateral events related to the discussions of regulatory issues and safety assurance at nuclear facilities;
- Providing information to international community on safety regulation issues in the use of atomic energy in the Russian Federation via the official International Regulatory Network of the IAEA.

The use of the mentioned instruments will facilitate the quality of openness and transparency of information on the functions performed by Rostekhnadzor in the area of state safety regulation in the use of atomic energy and in elaboration and implementation of the state policy and legal regulation in the field of safe use of atomic energy.

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