

## On Use of Nuclear Power and Radiation Safety (Abstract text on July 27, 2004)

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### The Law of Ukraine

#### On Use of Nuclear Power and Radiation Security

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The Law of Ukraine “On Use of Nuclear Power and Radiation Security” determines rights and duties of citizens in the sphere of use of nuclear power, regulates activity connected with use of nuclear plants and sources of ionizing radiation.

To nuclear legislation the Law refers the acts of legislation of Ukraine which regulate relations in the sphere of nuclear power use. The Law determines basic principles of radiation protection and of state policy in the sphere of nuclear power use and of radiation protection.

This Law shall be applied to all types of activity in the sphere of nuclear power use, in particular:

- placing, projecting, building, putting in operation, operation and taking out of operation of nuclear plants, sources of ionizing radiation;
- conducting scientific investigations on use of nuclear plants, sources of ionizing radiation, nuclear materials;
- state control over radiation situation on the territory of Ukraine.

Nuclear plants and sources of ionizing radiation are in different forms of ownership, but nuclear materials shall be principally state property.

Citizens and their unions shall have the right to get from enterprises, establishments and organizations information related to nuclear plant or object designed for handling radioactive waste, except for the information which is state secret.

Citizens and their unions shall also have the right to participate in discussing draft laws and programs in the sphere of nuclear power use. They shall have the right to take part in discussing questions connected with placing, projecting, building, putting in operation, operation and taking out of operation of nuclear plants and sources of ionizing radiation.

The Law determines competence of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, Autonomous Republic Crimea, local bodies of executive power and local self-government in the sphere of use of nuclear power and radiation security.

The state regulation of safe use of nuclear power shall be performed by: the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Power Security of Ukraine; the Ministry of Health of Ukraine; other bodies of executive power. At the same time the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine shall determine the body which will conduct state management in the sphere of nuclear power use and of radiation security. This body shall create respective state inspections which shall have the right to supervise adherence to requirements of nuclear and radiation security. Head of these state inspections shall be the Chief State Inspector of Ukraine on nuclear security. He shall be appointed by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

The Law enlists activities in the sphere of nuclear power use which shall be regulated by the state. In order to conduct such activities it is necessary to obtain permit in the sphere of nuclear power use.

The procedure of placing, building, putting in operation and taking out of operation nuclear plants and objects designed for handling nuclear waste and the procedure of closing depository for burial is also inscribed by this Law.

The Law also establishes state system of guarantees. This system will not allow to use for military purposes those nuclear materials, equipment and technologies which are used for peaceful purposes. The procedure of handling nuclear waste and transportation of nuclear materials is also determined by the Law.

The Law ensures radiation safety of patients and staff of medical establishments, when sources of ionizing radiation are used for medical purposes.

Peculiarities of export and import of nuclear plants, equipment, technologies, nuclear materials, sources of ionizing radiation, special non-nuclear materials and services in the sphere of nuclear power use are determined in the Law.

Physical protection of nuclear plants, nuclear materials, nuclear waste and other sources of ionizing radiation is established with the purpose of excluding acts of nuclear terrorism as well as in order to strengthen regime of nuclear arms non-proliferation.

The Law sets responsibility for nuclear harm and enumerates violations in the sphere of nuclear power use.

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