Basic information

2003/0021(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments Directive	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
Nuclear energy: safety of installations, basic obligations and general principles **Subject** 3.60.04 Nuclear energy, industry and safety	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy	SEPPÄNEN Esko (GUE/NGL)	22/05/2003

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy	STAES Bart (V/ALE)	12/05/2003

Council of the European Union

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Energy	OETTINGER Günther

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
30/01/2003	Legislative proposal published	COM(2003)0032	Summary
15/05/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
27/11/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
27/11/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0441/2003	
12/01/2004	Debate in Parliament		
13/01/2004	Decision by Parliament	T5-0012/2004	Summary
02/12/2009	Additional information		Summary
18/09/2010	Proposal withdrawn by Commission		Summary

Technical information

Procedure reference	2003/0021(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consultation of Parliament
Legislative instrument	Directive
Legal basis	Euratom Treaty A 031 Euratom Treaty A 187 Euratom Treaty A 032
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
Committee dossier	ITRE/5/19566

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0441/2003	27/11/2003	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0012/2004 OJ C 092 16.04.2004, p. 0020-0104 E	13/01/2004	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2003)0032	30/01/2003	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0200/2003 OJ C 133 06.06.2003, p. 0070-0074	26/03/2003	
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0411/2003	26/03/2003	

Additional information

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2003/0021(NLE) - 30/01/2003 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: to set out the basic obligations and general principles on the safety of nuclear installations CONTENT: the proposal for a directive sought to establish common standards for the safety of nuclear installations. Despite a degree of harmonisation, safety practices still varied widely from one Member State to another. Community intervention was therefore necessary. The prospect of enlargement also emphasised the need for such action. Enshrining the existing rules and principles in Community legislation would make it possible to reconcile efficiency and speed of implementation. Having recourse, to some extent, to experts from the national safety authorities to carry out the tasks connected with the verifications would make it possible to provide undisputed technical expertise. Interlinking the national systems and the Community system would guarantee the maintenance of a high level of safety for nuclear installations in the enlarged EU. It was also essential to guarantee that the final phase of the nuclear cycle would be managed in accordance with radiological safety standards and on the basis of transparency in the use of financial resources. To this end, it was necessary to create a framework for national regulations. Definition of criteria for the creation and management of funds for the decommissioning of nuclear installations would enable the maintenance of a high level of nuclear safety throughout the decommissioning phase to be guaranteed. In accordance with the Nuclear Safety Convention and the conclusions of the Laeken European Council, the Member States would be obliged to transmit reports on the measures taken to meet their obligations and on the state of safety of installations under their supervision. These reports would be examined by Member States and the Commission.

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2003/0021(NLE) - 13/01/2004 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Esko SEPPNEN (EUL/NGL, FIN) making several amendments to the Commission's proposal. (Please see the document dated 27/11/03.) The following principal amendments were also made: - Parliament clarified that the directive applied to all uranium mines and all nuclear installations; - there is a new article concerning the protection of the population. Member States must ensure that the measures for operational protection of the population pursuant to Article 44 of Directive 96/29/Euratom take account of the nuclear safety aspects at all stages of the nuclear fuel cycle. Approval of plans for nuclear installations and of the proposed siting of such installations must take account of the nuclear safety aspects. Member States should ensure that the exposure suffered by the general public and by workers to ionising radiation during construction, operation and decommissioning is restricted to the lowest level that is technically achievable. Member States should also ensure that financial resources built up for decommissioning offer liquidity compatible with the timetable for decommissioning operations and are exclusively assigned to decommissioning operations, and are guaranteed in the event of the bankruptcy of the operator. Finally, Parliament suggested establishing a "Regulatory Authorities Committee", composed of representatives of national regulatory bodies, that would carry out reviews and horizontal control in accordance with the proposed directive.