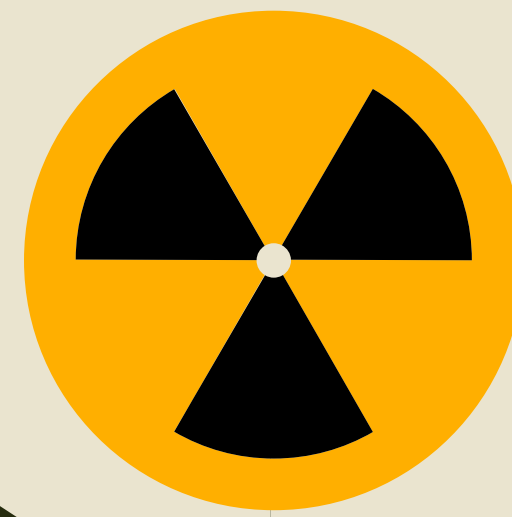


CALL FOR COMMENTS

NERSA CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE MINISTERIAL DETERMINATION ON THE PROCUREMENT OF 2500MW NUCLEAR GENERATION CAPACITY



Civil Society is concerned to learn that the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy has made a new determination to start the process to procure additional nuclear energy generation capacity of 2500 MW.

As required by law, NERSA has put out a call for comments from the public. NERSA, the National Energy Regulator of South Africa, is the regulatory authority.

This determination follows a Request for Information for nuclear energy vendors and there has been a particular interest in Small Modular Reactors (SMR). SMRs are still under development, and therefore a risky bet.

This is reminiscent of the Pebble Bed Modular Reactor (PBMR) project in the early 2000s, which cost South Africa R10 billion, before it was finally shelved. Up to today, not one kilowatt of electricity has been generated from that expensive SMR project.

South Africa cannot afford to waste more public money, increase our electricity bills, nor deal with the high level radioactive waste- all come with nuclear energy provision.



MAKE A SUBMISSION

Invitation to comment: The invitation to comment and the consultation paper are available on NERSA's website at www.nersa.org.za under 'Electricity/Consultation/Notices'.

We strongly urge you to make a submission to NERSA. Outline why you think NERSA should not agree (concur) with the ministerial determination. There are also questions in the consultation paper to respond to.

The written comments must be submitted to NERSA as follows:

Attention: Mr Dennis Seemela
National Energy Regulator of South Africa
Kulawula House, 526 Madiba Street,
Arcadia, Pretoria, 0083.

Submissions can be emailed to:
irp-procurement.newcap@nersa.org.za

Or posted to PO Box 40343,
Arcadia, Pretoria, 0007, South Africa.

Ensure that you provide your name, address, telephone number, fax number, email address and if applicable, the name of the organisation submitting the comments. Also, it is important to indicate if you want to make an oral representation or not.

Deadline for submissions:
5 February 2021