

PRESS RELEASE

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PALLAS starts environmental impact assessment

Today (May 26th, 2015), the Foundation Preparation PALLAS-reactor (PALLAS) files the Initial Memorandum for the realisation of the PALLAS-reactor with the Authority for Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection (ANVS).

With this Memorandum (formerly known as start notification) PALLAS announces formally that it will start the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)-procedure. This procedure ensures that environmental aspects play a full role in the decision making process.

The Initial Memorandum discusses the scope and level of detail that is needed to prepare the Environmental Impact Assessment report (EIA report). This report provides insight into the effects of PALLAS-reactor on the environment. The EIA report is a fixed part in the process of applying for a license under the Nuclear Energy Act.

The Memorandum supersedes the Start notification that NRG filed in 2009. Since then, there have been a number of changes, including the establishment of the independent Foundation Preparation Pallas-reactor, in December 2013.

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PALLAS in brief

The Foundation Preparation PALLAS-reactor (PALLAS) aims to realise a state-of-the art multi-purpose reactor which is suitable for producing (medical) isotopes and for supplying a wide range of irradiation services. This reactor is to replace the current High Flux Reactor (HFR) in Petten (NL).

PALLAS was founded on December 16, 2013 with the purpose to prepare a design, to obtain the necessary licenses and to assure that there are private resources available (phase 1) for the construction and commissioning (phase 2) of the PALLAS-reactor.

For the first phase the Dutch government has granted a loan of 80 million euros. The design, construction and commissioning combined will take about ten years. The lifetime of the new reactor is at least forty years.