

Construction of new nuclear power plants

Notification of intent and proposal for public participation

The Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy is starting a spatial planning procedure for the construction of two new nuclear power plants. This notification describes the project, what parts you can give your views on and how you can do this.

The project

The government wants our country's electricity production to be carbon-neutral by 2035. Nuclear power can play an important role in achieving this goal. Unlike wind turbines and solar panels, nuclear power plants can supply electricity whatever the weather, day and night. They therefore offer a reliable source of energy. And they would make the Netherlands less dependent on imported energy. Nuclear power plants do not have carbon emissions and they do not need a lot of space. That's why the government has decided to start preparations for building two new nuclear power plants.

Role of the ministry

The construction of two new nuclear power plants needs to follow a spatial planning project procedure. The Minister for Climate and Energy Policy coordinates decision-making and, together with the Minister of the Interior and Kingdom Relations, makes the final decision on where the new plants are to be built. From the beginning, the project has been implemented in accordance with the Environment and Planning Act, which came into force on 1 January 2024.

Public participation: your views are important

The project affects the interests of many parties: members of the public, companies, civil society organisations and administrative authorities, for example. So the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy considers it important that everyone has an opportunity to contribute their views and ideas about the project. The notification of intent and proposal for public participation describes how the various stakeholders will be involved at the different stages of the project. The participation plan will be updated at key moments during the project's implementation.

Webinar

Do you have questions about the construction of the two nuclear power plants? Or would you like to share your ideas? You can participate in a webinar about the project from 20.00 to 21.00 on 26 February 2024. You will be able to ask your questions using the 'chat' function. You can find the link to the webinar on www.overkernenergie.nl. We would appreciate receiving your questions in advance. Please email them to: contact.kernenergie@minezk.nl.

In-person information evenings

You are also welcome to attend one of the information evenings. They will feature an information fair and talks on specific themes. The information evenings are on:

- Tuesday 5 March 2024, from 19.00 to 21.00, at De Stenge, Heinkenszand
- Wednesday 6 March 2024, from 19.00 to 21.00, at Churchill Hotel, Terneuzen
- Monday 18 March 2024, from 19.00 to 21.00, at 't Wapen van Marion, Oostvoorne
- Wednesday 20 March 2024, from 19.00 to 21.00, at Buitenplaats Vlaardingen, Vlaardingen

Feel free to walk in between 19.00 and 21.00. Besides the information fair, you can join one or more talks on specific themes. The information evenings are a good opportunity to find out more about the project and the procedure. Staff members of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy will also be present to answer your questions. For more information, go to www.overkernenergie.nl/informatieavonden.

Submit your views

You can submit your views on the notification of intent and proposal for public participation from Friday 23 February 2024 to Thursday 4 April 2024. The document is available for inspection at www.overkernenergie.nl.

There are three ways to submit your views:

- Digitally: on www.rvo.nl/nieuwbouw-kerncentrales
- By telephone, on weekdays between 9.00 and 17.00:
+31 (0)70 379 8979
- By post:
Bureau Energieprojecten
Inspraakpunt Nieuwbouw kerncentrales
Postbus 111
9200 AC Drachten
The Netherlands
Please sign your letter and provide an address so that we can send you acknowledgement of receipt.

What happens with your views

Your views will be taken into account in the writing of the draft Memorandum on Scope and Details (NRD). The draft NRD will identify the locations to be examined during the next stage of the project. It will also describe how that study will be done. The draft NRD is expected to be available for inspection in September 2024. Your views on the proposal for public participation will be used to further elaborate the participation process.

Further information

For more information on nuclear energy in the Netherlands, go to www.overkernenergie.nl/informatieavonden. If you have any further questions about the procedure, please call +31 (0)70 379 8979 or ask them at one of the information evenings.