



# Announcement in accordance with the Nuclear Energy Act

## Notification of Intent for the Environmental Impact Assessment for a new research reactor (PALLAS-reactor)

The Notification of Intent for the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for a new research reactor will be available for inspection from 4 June 2015 to 16 July 2015. Throughout this inspection period, anyone who so wishes can submit their comments on the Notification of Intent.

### Procedure

On 26 May 2015 the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment received from the Foundation Preparation PALLAS Reactor (hereinafter referred to as PALLAS) a 'Notification of Intent for the Environmental Impact Assessment'. This Notification is related to the intention of PALLAS to build a new research reactor.

A new research reactor requires licences under the Nuclear Energy Act (Articles 15, 29 and 34) and the Water Act. Decisions must also be taken on the basis of legislation in areas such as the natural environment. At the moment it is not yet known whether an appropriate assessment should be made for the activity in accordance with Article 19f of the Nature Protection Act regarding the possible significant consequences on a Natura-2000 site. The competent authority for this is the Provincial Executive of the province Noord-Holland. In addition, the decision-making process with regard to the research reactor requires that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) be carried out. An EIA is a report that systematically and objectively describes all of the environmental impacts of the research reactor and a number of alternatives. The purpose of an EIA is to ensure that the environment gets a full place in the licensing decisions that need to be taken.

The licensing procedure for the construction of a new research reactor must be preceded by an EIA procedure. The EIA procedure commences with this announcement and consists of five steps:

1. PALLAS submits a Notification of Intent EIA for a new research reactor.
2. Anyone who wishes to do so can submit their opinion of the Notification of Intent EIA.
3. The Environmental Impact Assessment Committee advises the Minister of Infrastructure and the Environment (hereinafter referred to as the Minister) about the scope and level of detail of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). This recommendation also includes the public participation responses to the Notification of Intent EIA.
4. The Minister shall draw up a Recommendation regarding the scope and level of detail.
5. Based on the Recommendation regarding scope and level of detail, PALLAS draws up an EIA.

During the EIA procedure, no decision is taken on licencing under the Nuclear Energy Act or on any of the other requisite licences which require an EIA. This does not take place until PALLAS has completed the EIA and has submitted a licence application. The licence decree determines whether PALLAS is permitted to construct a research reactor. In the context of the licensing procedure, anyone who wishes to make use of the arrangements for public participation may do so.

We are currently at step 2: You are entitled to give your opinion about the Notification of Intent.

### Background to the Notification of Intent

The initiator of this project is the Foundation Preparation PALLAS Reactor. PALLAS plans to construct a new, modern reactor in Petten in the Netherlands for the production of medical radioisotopes and for technological and scientific research. The new reactor will replace the existing High Flux Reactor (HFR).

### Where can you inspect the Notification of Intent?

The announcement and Notification of Intent will be available for inspection from 4 June 2015 to 16 July 2015 on weekdays, at the following locations:

- Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, Plesmanweg 1-6, The Hague (during office hours).
- Schagen Local Authority, Laan 19, Schagen. Open for inspection from Monday to Friday, from 09:00 to 12:00.

Details of the announcement and Notification of Intent are also available at [www.anvs.nl](http://www.anvs.nl) and [www.rijksoverheid.nl/vergunningaanvragen-kernenergiewet](http://www.rijksoverheid.nl/vergunningaanvragen-kernenergiewet).

### Information session

An information session will be held on 11 June 2015, to ensure that everyone is as fully informed as possible. This session will consist of two parts.

In the first part of the session, details will be provided concerning the procedure and the contents of the Notification of Intent. You will also have an opportunity to ask questions on this subject. In the second part, anyone who wishes to do so can make a verbal response to the contents of the Notification of Intent and ask further questions to the representatives of the government and PALLAS.

The session will be held on:

- 11 June 2015 from 19:00 to 21:00 at the:  
"Multi Functionele Ruimte"  
Sportpark "De Pettemer Kluft"  
Sportweg 5,  
1755 LX Petten

The session programme can in due course be downloaded from the website [www.anvs.nl/](http://www.anvs.nl/).

### How can you use public participation to respond to the Notification of Intent?

Anyone who so wishes can submit their comments on the Notification of Intent. They have until 16 July 2015 to do so.

#### In writing:

Individuals may submit their comments in writing to:  
Authority for Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection  
Mentioning: Comments on Notification of Intent EIA for PALLAS reactor  
P.O. Box 16001  
2500 BA The Hague

#### By e-mail:

Individuals may submit their comments by e-mail at [PostbusPallas@anvs.nl](mailto:PostbusPallas@anvs.nl) mentioning: Comments on Notification of Intent EIA for PALLAS reactor.

#### Verbally:

Individuals may submit their comments verbally to the 'Nuclear Energy Act Licences Public Participation Desk', telephone +31-(0)70 - 348 73 64, weekdays from 10:00 to 12:00 and from 14:00 to 16:00.

Anyone submitting their comments can request that any personal information they may disclose will not be made public.

### What use is made of the public participation responses?

The Environmental Impact Assessment Committee will take all public participation responses into account when drafting the recommendation regarding the scope and level of detail of the EIA to be drawn up by PALLAS. This recommendation will refer to any public participation responses that put forward new insights into specific local environmental conditions. The recommendation will be posted on the ANVS website and government website.

Once the Minister has received the Environmental Impact Assessment Committee's recommendation regarding the scope and level of detail, the Minister will establish the scope and level of detail to be met by the EIA. To this end, the Minister will take the public participation responses and the Environmental Impact Assessment Committee's recommendation into account.

Once the Recommendation regarding scope and level of detail has been established, individuals who have submitted public participation responses will receive:

- a memorandum summarising all of the public participation responses received,
  - the Environmental Impact Assessment Committee's recommendation and
  - the established Recommendation regarding the scope and level of detail.
- This is expected to take place in the third quarter of 2015.

### Where can you find further details?

Having read this notice or having visited the websites [www.anvs.nl](http://www.anvs.nl) and [www.rijksoverheid.nl/vergunningaanvragen-kernenergiewet](http://www.rijksoverheid.nl/vergunningaanvragen-kernenergiewet) do you have any further questions about the documents or procedure in question? If so, then you can contact the 'Nuclear Energy Act Licences Public Participation Desk', on weekdays from 10:00 to 12:00 and from 14:00 to 16:00, telephone +31(0)70 - 348 73 64. You can also submit your question by e-mail to [PostbusPallas@anvs.nl](mailto:PostbusPallas@anvs.nl) mentioning: Notification of Intent EIA for PALLAS reactor.