



Authority for Nuclear Safety and
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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection Authority (ANVS) started operations on 1 January 2015. The ANVS was established by combining expertise in the fields of nuclear safety and radiation protection, as well as security and safeguards. For these fields the Authority focuses on the development of policy, legislation and regulations, licensing, and supervision and enforcement, as well as information of the public. The Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection Authority is involved in safety research and development studies and is responsible for ensuring that the Netherlands is prepared to respond to potential radiation incidents.

Prior to 2015 a number of government organisations shared responsibility for nuclear safety and radiation protection. This knowledge and expertise is now combined in a single independent authority, the ANVS. The following organisations have been merged:

- Nuclear Installations and Safety Programme Directorate of the Ministry of Economic Affairs;
- Department for Nuclear Safety Security and Safeguards (KFD) and the Emergency Preparedness and Response unit of the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment;
- Radiation Protection Team of the Netherlands Enterprise Agency of the Ministry of Economic Affairs.

The ANVS has been established in accordance with international directives and it meets all applicable guidelines (such as those prescribed by the International Atomic Energy Agency IAEA). The ANVS works closely with other national and international agencies and organisations.

The ANVS employs around 120 professionals, who will be housed for the next few years within the premises of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bezuidenhoutseweg 67, The Hague. The postal address is PO Box 16001, 2500 AB The Hague.

Information on the organisational structure, responsibilities and the contact details of the ANVS will be available at www.anvs.nl/english from Thursday the 22th of January. More information and functionality will be added to the website in due course.

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The ANVS will become an independent administrative authority (ZBO). The procedure to formally realize this requires an amendment to current legislation, which is expected to be completed by January 2016. Until then, the ANVS will be a directorate falling under the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, which will carry out the duties and responsibilities of the future ZBO.

Mr J. van den Heuvel will be the General Director of ANVS as of 1 February 2015. He is also intended to become the chairman of the ANVS ZBO. I will be responsible for the General Director's duties until Mr Van den Heuvel takes up his post.

Yours sincerely,



Herman Scharfman
Acting General Director
Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection Authority