

## ***ARTEMIS Good Practices***

### **Cost estimates and financing**

(Topic 6)

#### **FRANCE**

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#### ***Good Practice***

Requiring the creation of tangible assets to cover decommissioning and radioactive waste management liabilities and furthermore giving these assets legal protection, rather than holding them as general assets of the operator.

#### ***Observation***

Operators of BNIs are obliged to set aside sufficient assets to meet prudent estimates of their obligations and French Law prevents these assets being accessed by any entity, including the state, for any purpose other than the liquidation of the decommissioning and radioactive waste management liabilities for which they were set aside. Operators of ICPEs handling radioactive waste are obliged to guarantee against the risk of insolvency.

#### ***Basis***

SF-1 Principle 7, para. 3.29 states that “Radioactive Waste must be managed in a such a way as to avoid imposing an undue burden on future generations”

GSR part rev 1 Requirement 1 para. 2.3(d) states that “In the National policy and strategy account shall be taken of [...] the need and provision for financial resources”

GRS part 1 rev 1 Requirement 10 para. 2.33 states that “Appropriate financial provision shall be made for:

(a) Decommissioning of facilities; (b) Management of radioactive waste, including its storage and disposal; (c) Management of disused radioactive sources and radiation generators; (d) Management of spent fuel.”

#### ***IAEA Comments/Highlights***

No comments or highlights on this good practice.