

Co-operation between the Nordic Authorities in Response to and Preparedness for Nuclear and Radiological Emergencies and Incidents

The Nordic radiation and nuclear safety authorities have published a revised joint manual for co-operation between the authorities in response to and preparedness for nuclear and radiological emergencies and incidents. The Chiefs of the radiation and nuclear safety authorities in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, and Iceland, approved the Nordic Manual at the annual meeting in August. It replaces the previous document from 2006.

The manual describes practical arrangements regarding communication and information exchange to fulfil the stated obligations in bilateral agreements between the Nordic countries. These arrangements also apply for response to events or threats of malicious use of radioactive material and threats or malevolent acts concerning nuclear facilities. Furthermore, small scale events, such as rumours and minor incidents, with consequences limited to a public concern and interest by the media, and/or a need for exchange of technical information between nuclear and radiation safety regulatory bodies, have been included. The arrangements in this document include all phases of events, including intermediate and recovery phases.

The Nordic Manual also takes into consideration the current international development concerning response to and preparedness for nuclear and radiological incidents and emergencies as well as other important relevant international aspects.

