

Implementation of Maišiagala Radioactive Waste Storage Facility Decommissioning Project

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Maišiagala RWSF: site and location

- Located in Širvintai municipality, in Bartkuškis forest, in the 53rd quarter of the Žaliosios forestry, about 7 km north-west of Maišiagala and about 30 km in the same direction from Vilnius
- Operated since 1964
- Closed in 1989







Maišiagala RWSF: Cross-Section of Vault r1



Typical RADON type RWS with size $5 \times 15 \times 3$ m, volume ~ 200 m³;

RW collected from industrial, medical, military, and scientific research facilities during the period 1964-1989

Upgrading Safety of Maišiagala RWS



Installation of new protection barriers – membranes - above the vault;

Physical protection system was upgraded (surrounded with a special double fence, motion-sensitive detectors etc.)

Environment monitoring system was upgraded



Data Collection

-	на партию радиоактивных отходов, сдаваемых на захоронения								📰 Data Recording Form			
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- All information about existing RW at MRWSF is collected in record books they ALL are preserved.
- In 2005 after deep analysis of the record books, the database of RW inventory was developed.
- Estimated accuracy ~98-99 percent.

Examples of DSRS at Maišiagala RWSF



"БГИ-А" type



Pu-239: neutralizer



Pu-239/Be sources: D=15-29 mm, H=24-39 mm



Sr-90: De-ising sensor



Cs-137: ЭM type used in relays ГР-6, ГР-7 ir ГР-8







Pu-239: Smoke detectors

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Maišiagala RWSF: estimated flow chart routing for treatment and storage of RW at Ignalina NPP



Maišiagala RWSF: Radiological status and other hazards present

- According to expert assessment, about 114 m³ of RW could be stored in the vault of the Maišiagala RWSF. The mass of the waste is unknown.
- Total 9872 units of SSS. The database does not assess the condition of the DSRS.
- The database indicates that about 37% of the total activity is accumulated in the DSRS, the remaining 63% of the activity is distributed in other waste.

Table. Main Radionuclide Composition and Activity of RW in the Vault of the Maišiagala RWSF as of 1 January 2020

Radionuclide	T1/2, years	Activity, Bq	Activity, % of total
H-3	12,3	4,8E+13	63%
Cs-137	30,0	2,7E+13	35%
Pu-239/Be	2,41E+04	6,0E+11	0,8%
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Sr-90	29,1	3,0E+11	0,4%
C-14	5,73E+03	1,7E+11	0,2%
Co-60	5,27	1,2E+11	0,2%
Ra-226	1,60E+03	1,0E+11	0,1%
Ni-63	96,0	3,3E+10	0,04%
Eu-152	13,537	1,1E+10	0,01%
Cl-36	3,01E+05	1,2E+09	0,002%
Kr-85	10,7	3,6E+08	< 0,001%
U-238	4,47E+09	4,1E+07	< 0,001%
TI-204	3,78	7,4E+06	< 0,001%
Pm-147	2,6234	3,1E+06	< 0,001%
Ba-133	10,5	5,3E+05	< 0,001%
Bi-207	38,0	3,4E+05	< 0,001%
Sb-125	2,77	2,6E+05	< 0,001%
Fe-55	2,70	7,3E+04	< 0,001%
Na-22	2,60	3,5E+04	< 0,001%
U-234	2,46E+05	1,4E+03	< 0,001%
Cs-134	2,06	89	< 0,001%
Cd-109	1,27	10	< 0,001%
Ru-106	1,01	0,018	< 0,001%
Ce-144	0,78	0,002	< 0,001%
Total:		7,7E+13	

Maišiagala RSWF: Radiological status and other hazards present (continued)

RW with SSS (114 m^3)

RW without SSS (190 m³)



Maišiagala RWSF site contamination review shows that primary radioactive, potentially radioactive and non-radioactive waste will be generated during dismantling and / or decontamination of:

- Maišiagala RWSF vault and retrieval of RAW stored;
- Liquid RAW tank;
- Separate area of contaminated soil at Maišiagala RWSF site, so called "B" spot (Ra-226 radionuclide);
- Former decontamination building (depending on the results of evaluative radiological investigations).

Maišiagala RWSF: Decommissioning Planning

- VATESI license to operate closed Maishiagala RWMS was granted in 2006
- Preliminary Decommissioning Plan for closed MRWS was developed by former RWMA and approved by VATESI on March 15, 2011 according to nuclear safety requirements
- Purpose of the plan to plan and forecast necessary equipment and technologies, to collect information needed for decommissioning and to estimate necessary costs and funding
- Preliminary Decommissioning Plan shall be reviewed taking into account progress in RW management technologies, experiences and changes in legislation.



Maišiagala RWSF: decommissioning purpose, activities and conditions

Purpose - to manage radioactive waste from MRWSF (Maišiagala radioactive waste storage facility), contaminated with radionuclides soil and constructions and to release the site from radiation control

PROJECT IS FINANCED FROM EU STRUCTURAL FUNDS



Activities:



Maišiagala RWSF: from operation up to greenfield. Assignment of responsibilities



Maišiagala RWSF: Environmental Impact Assessment Programme and Report

- During period of 2017-2018 Environmental Impact Assessment Programme and Report were developed and approved by competent authorities
- Planned economical activity , Decommissioning of Maishiagala RWSF" *is permissible* considering the time alternative – <u>Immediate Dismantling</u>
- Decision taken by Environmental Protection Agency in the letter No. (30.1)-A4-5363 of June 5, 2018

• EIAP reviewed and approved by:

- Širvintai district mun. administration
- VATESI
- RSC
- Culture Heritage
 Department
- National Public Health Centre under the MoH
- Fire and Rescue Department
- Ministry of Energy

Maišiagala RWSF: decommissioning purpose, activities and conditions (cont. 2)

Approved MRWS decommissioning Environmental Impact Assessment

Approved Final MRWS decommissioning plan

Approved MRWS decommissioning General radiological survey program, main radiological survey and assessment is performed

Procured and installed MRWS meteorological station

Approved by VATESI - Analysis of the possible consequences of nuclear and radiological accidents at MRWS

Approved by VATESI Decommissioning project plan

Approved by VATESI Decommissioning safety analysis report

Approved by Ministry of Health and VATESI Plan for Radionuclide Emission Into The Environment

Approved by VATESI Radiation safety program

Approved Demolition project

Approved by RSC, AAA, VATESI and European Commission General Dataset for MRWS decommissioning in accordance with Euratom Treaty Article 37

Approved by VATESI all decommissioning license related documents – license issued on May 13, 2021

Preparation and submission for VATESI approval RW transportation licensing documents (100 % of documents is approved)

Maišiagala RWSF: final decommissioning plan, strategy selection criteria and alternatives

In 2017-2018 period Final Decommissioning Plan was developed and coordinated with state authorities

FDP was approved by the order of the Minister of Energy No. 1-272 October 5, 2018

Alternative A1	Alternative A2	Alternative A3
Radiological survey at site is not carried out and clearance is not carried out	Clearance is carried out at site but radiological survey is not performed	Clearance is carried out at site, radiological survey is performed for constructions and soil

Based of Final Decom Plan, further and detailed arrangements were outlined in **Decommissioning Project Description**

Criterion	Lower level criterion
C1 Waste strams	C1.1 Ratio of primary waste
	C1.2 Amounts of secondary waste
C2 Economical	C2.1 Initial investments
	C2.2 Total expenditures
C3 Duration	C3.1 Project implementation timelime
	C3.2 Workforce
C4 Safety	C4.1 Occupational exposure
	C4.2 Risk for unsanctioned intrusion
C5 Technologies	C5.1 Reuse of existing
	infrastructure
	C5.2 Reliability of processes
C6 Environmental	C6.1 Radiological impact to the public
	C6.2 Necessary resources
	C6.3 Local impact

Licensing

- On 13 May 2021-05-13 VATESI granted the license No. 16.1-97(2021) to perform decommissioning activities at Maišiagala site
- Transportation license documents are 100 percent approved by VATESI
- Construction permits for ,,caisson" and other buildings were also granted in April 2021



VALSTYBINĖ ATOMINĖS ENERGETIKOS SAUGOS INSPEKCIJA

LICENCIJA

2021 m. gegužės 13 d. Nr. 16.1-97 (2021) Vilnius

Vadovaujantis Lietuvos Respublikos branduolinės saugos įstatymo 22 straipsnio 1 dalies 4 punktu ir 5 dalimi,

valstybės įmonei Ignalinos atominei elektrinei (įmonės kodas: 255450080, buveinės adresas: Elektrinės g. 4, K 47, Drūkšinių kaimas, 31152 Visagino savivaldybė)

išduodama šios rūšies licencija: vykdyti branduolinės energetikos objekto eksploatavimo nutraukimą

Veikla, kuriai išduodama licencija: vykdyti Maišiagalos radioaktyviųjų atliekų saugyklos eksploatavimo nutraukimą.

Maišiagala RWSF: demolition project solutions –construction site plan*

Number of temporary buildings erected at Maišiagala RWSF for safe demolition of the RW vaults (main of them - ,,caisson" with primary containment).

Construction works and engineering design services (Detailed design preparation) was performed by contractor chosen through public procurement procedures (ongoing) *Solutions - according to Demolition project



RW retrieval from Maišiagala RWSF vault, liquid RW vault demolition, territory recultivation, and RW transportation to INPP – INPP is planning to perform these activities by means of its own capacities

All equipment and means for decommissioning were also acquired by public procurement procedures

Simplified layout of Maishiagala RWS decommissioning concept



Maišiagala RWSF: Demolition project solutions – caisson cross-section* IGNALINA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT



*Solutions - according to Demolition project

Maišiagala RWSF: demolition project solutions Equipment



shredder, 4. vacuum pump, 5. FIBC, 6. mobile filtering device, 7. 210 l drum

Radiological Impact: General Public

- Maišiagala site is in a remote location:
 - There are no permanent inhabitants in the distance of more than 2 km around the site
 - Occasional public visitors pass the forest surrounding the site
- Three representative groups:
 - Occasional visitors in the forest near the site;
 - Permanent residents living at the distance of 2 km from the Maišiagala site;
 - Person which lives or may stay close to the waste transport road.
- Two age groups*:
 - Adult (> 17 a);
 - Child (1-2 a).

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the Environment",	Safety Reports S	eries No. 19, V	enna, 2001.			

Exposure	Representative groups and persons						
			1 st		2 nd		3 rd
Pathway	Location	Туре	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult
Airborne	At the fence of the	External	+		+		
release into the	Maišiagala site	Inhalation	+		+		
environment		Ingestion	+	+	+	+	
	At the nearest	External			+	+	
	resident location	Inhalation			+	+	
		Ingestion			+	+	
Direct and	At the fence of the	External	+		+		
scattered	Maišiagala site						
radiation	At the RW transport]					+
	road						

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Radiological Impact: Assessment of Doses

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Radiological Impact: Conclusions

- The decommissioning will lead to release of Rn-222 and radioactive aerosols into the environment;
- The dose assessment is based on the IAEA and UNSCEAR recommended models;
- Low radiological impact to the population is expected under normal operation conditions, annual effective dose < 10 $\mu Sv.$

Transportation options incl. DSSS in cement matrix (except separated DSSS)



rums FIBC (soil, bulk material)

IP-1, IP-2 type (for liquid RW)



Overpack – Type A container that is placed into platform, unloaded at Ignalina NPP and returned empty to Maišiagala RWSF

Separated DSSS Transportation

- High activity SSS (Cs-137)
- 10 liters canister with DSSS without shielding
- 15 liters canister with DSSS without shielding
- Neutron Sources (3 pcs)



210 | drums





Special arrangement K-100/150 + ILW-LLS containers ₂₇

Public information, sharing the experience, stakeholders involvement



Public information

- Public is informed according to obligations of the ٠ Law on Nuclear Safety
- Nuclear Safety Requirements BSR-1.1.5-2017 ٠ "Rules of Procedure for Public Participation in Decision-making in the Area of Nuclear Energy" requires to inform public with licensing documents
- Documents and information: •
- https://www.iae.lt/en/activity/decommissioning-• projects/6101-project.-decommissioning-ofmaisiagala-radioactive-waste-storage-facility/422
- Maishiagala EIA Report: •
- https://www.iae.lt/veikla/poveikio-aplinkaivertinimas/85



01 RUGSEJIS

IGNALINOS

ELEKTRINE

MAISIAGALOS

RADIOAKTYVIUJU

KSPLOATAVIMO NUTRAUKIMO

PROJEKTAS

THEKU SAUGYKLOS

ATOMINE

DIEN. ATSAKOMYBĖ AMŽIAM

Širvintų gyventojus kviečiame į susitikima su Ignalinos AE atstovais

Kviečiame Širvintų gyventojus į susitikimą su Ignalinos AE specialistais, kurio metu bus pristatyta tema: "Maišiagalos saugyklos eksploatavimo nutraukimo projektas".

Susitikimo metu taip pat bus proga daugiau sužinoti apie vykdomus Ignalinos AE eksploatavimo nutraukimo darbus.

Kada? Rugsėjo 9 d. 18 val. Kur? Širvintų rajono Bartkuškio mokyklos sporto salėje (Aušros g. 25).

Gyventojai savo klausimus minėta tema iki susitikimo gali siysti el. paštu info@iae.lt. Kviečiame aktyviai dalyvauti!

Main Takeaways

- RW amounts due to remained logs are known with a relatively high accuracy
- A number of iterative safety assessments and necessary evaluations were acomplished to come to immediate dismantling strategy
- Do not underestimate your own capabilities only outside expertise and experiences are of great importance. However, please be demanding and critical during the development of documents, because later discrepancies (if any) will cost you time and money

Main Takeaways

- Be open, proactive and communicative with the stakeholders -> this will clearly help to cope with challenges due to their first-of-a-kind in a timely manner
- Although good planning is a half part of success, due to the legacy aspect, add space for unexpected contingencies

Then



Then (before decommissioning)



Now



In the Near Future

