

MINISTRY OF ECOLOGY, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ENERGY

General Commission for Sustainable Development

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Service for economy, evaluation and integration for sustainable development
Subdepartment for Integration of Sustainable Development Steps in Public Policies
Integration of Environment in Public Policies Office

Dear Ms. Kolar Planinšič,

By letter dated December 17th, 2013, you asked the French focal point of the Espoo Convention for the position of the French authorities on the potential impacts that could have the Hinkley Point C nuclear power plant project on our territory.

The Hinkley project, which includes the construction by EDF of two EPR reactors, is the most advanced nuclear power plant project in the United Kingdom. It had been submitted to a full assessment by the British administration and has received all required approvals from the obtaining building permits March 19th, 2013.

In normal operation of the installation, French authorities consider that Hinkley Point C project will not have any significant impact on the environment in France and, therefore do not request notification under the Espoo Convention of this projet located in the United Kingdom.

For the Ministry,

The Commissionner for Sustainable Developpement,

Jean-Paul Albertini

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