



Nuclear Municipal Partnership

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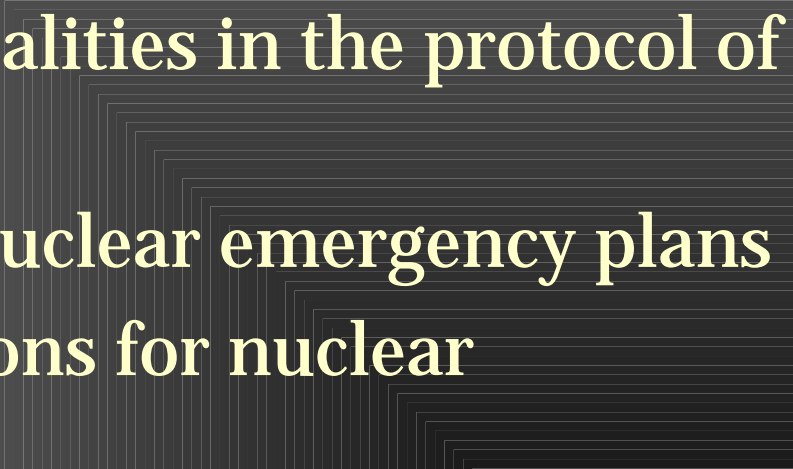
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NUCLEAR MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIP

- CREATION OF **AMAC** IN SEPTEMBER 1988
- OBJECTIVES:
 - SECURITY OF THE FACILITIE
 - PLANS FOR NUCLEAR EMERGENCY
 - ECONOMICAL DEVELOPMENT

WHAT AMAC DID




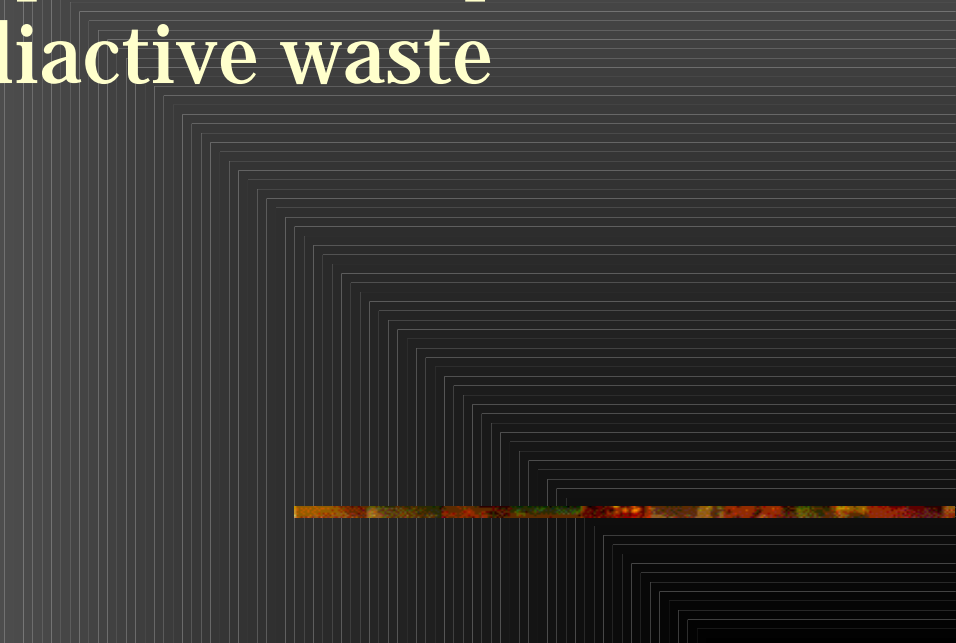
- Permanent relation with the Nuclear Security Council
 - Inclusion of the municipalities in the protocol of information on impacts
 - Implementation of the nuclear emergency plans
 - Economical compensations for nuclear installations
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PLANS FOR RADIOACTIVE WASTE

- ENRESA new waste policy (4th plan)
- Extension of storage in NPP
- Municipal conflicting position:
 - Opposition to the policy of completed actions
 - Opposition to 7 high activity waste storages in Spain
 - Claim for the construction of a centralized temporary storage and a definitive storage

Solution: COWAM SPAIN



- Due to this situation, AMAC decided to impulse the COWAM process in Spain to find a solution for radioactive waste
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Cowam Spain Conclusions I

- The **State Government has the responsibility to solve the problems** associated with radioactive waste management.
- The Decision Making Process should be based on a **political and institutional consensus, which are essential for long term governance.**
- From this perspective, **municipalities must be integrated** in the process.

Cowam Spain Conclusions II

- **Regional governments should also participate** in the design and execution of the Decision making process. They are part of the political and administrative organisation of the State and they have competences in these matters.
- The population has to be informed by both The National Parliament and The Government about the need to manage radioactive waste under the principles of safety, political consensus, public participation, information and transparency.
- **All territories are potential candidates to host the facility.**

Cowam Spain Conclusions III

- The **ethical dimension has to be taken into account**. It is a problem that must be solved by the current generation since we have been using nuclear energy and generating waste.
- The connection between radioactive waste management and nuclear power plants has to be considered as a means to increase social and political awareness. The adoption of measures to ensure the participation of local authorities in national management bodies should be positively considered.

Cowam Spain Conclusions IV

- **The participation of the municipalities in the process is completely voluntary and does not necessarily mean that they have to accept the facility.**
- Design and safety are paramount concerns as well as the environmental and socioeconomic impacts. Economic instruments should not be prioritised but positive economic effects for the region have to be considered.

Cowam Spain Conclusions V

- **A National Commission**, consisting of social representatives of the territory, politicians and experts, could be an efficient tool **to ensure transparency, democratic legitimacy and public participation.**
- The Government appoints the members of the Commission after a proposal from the Parliament.
- The national commission should:
 - **Define the technical, environmental, social and economic conditions of the potential host communities.**
 - **Develop a public procedure with the purpose of inviting the interested municipalities.**

Cowam Spain Conclusions VI

- **Formulate a limited number of proposals for suitable locations to the Government.**
- **Recommend methods to develop information processes and public participation at local level in the host areas.**
- The **State Government**, with regard to the proposals and recommendations of the National Commission and with suitable agreement with the Regional Governments and with the potential municipalities, **should start the site selection procedure.** It is specially recommended to create **Local Information Commissions as a tool for public participation in the territories.**

Cowam Spain Conclusions VII

- Once local acceptance has been achieved, **the Government has to select the final host community and has to initiate the process for the administrative licensing of the storage facility.**
- The National Commission will ensure that the general criteria of transparency, information and participation are met.



Thanks for your attention

