
Challenges to site selection from the Municipality's perspective

Visit of the Blue Ribbon Commission for America's nuclear future

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Municipality of Östhammar, Sweden

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The County of Uppsala



The Municipality of Östhammar



ÖSTHAMMARS
KOMMUN
- PART OF ROSLAGEN

The Municipality of Östhammar...

- Population: 21,500
- 120 km north of Stockholm
- 70 km from Uppsala University
- 1000 islands
- 4000 km shoreline
- More than 5000 holiday cottages



Leading businesses...



Forsmark

nuclear power plant,
more than 1000 employees

Sandvik Coromant AB,
metal working industry
~1650 employees



Business structure...



- Hargshamn Harbour, freight
- Dannemora Mineral AB, mining
- 95 % small enterprises with less than 5 employees
- Tourism

Heritage of the Walloons...



Foundation for a trustworthy process: four cornerstones



Legal framework...

Industry/SKB

The national authority/SSM

The Environmental Court

The Municipality and the local
population

The Government

Foundations for a trustworthy process: four cornerstones...

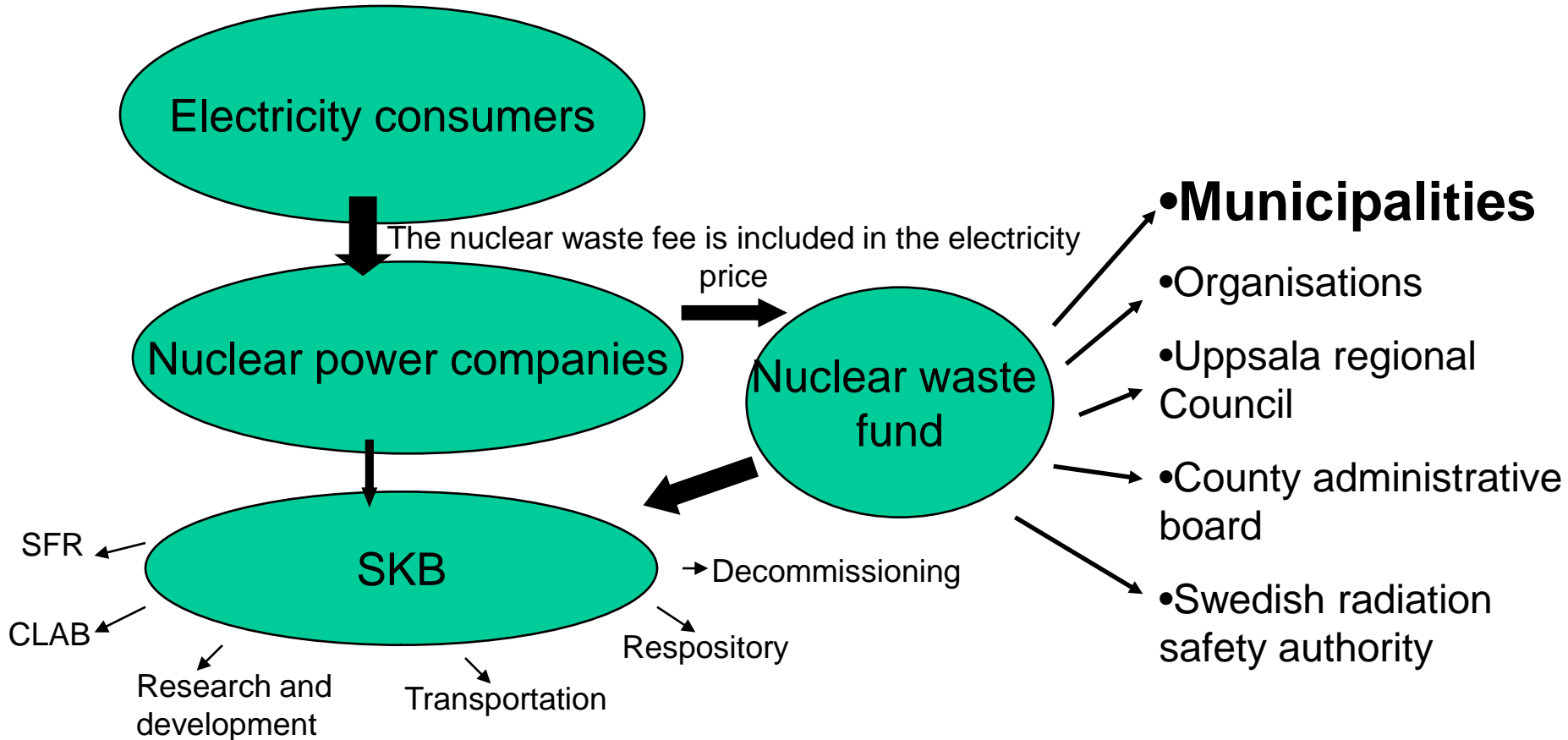
1. Legal framework

2. Financing



Nuclear Waste Fund...

The Government sets fees based on SSM's proposal



Foundations for a trustworthy process: four cornerstones...

1. Legal framework

2. Financing

3. Knowledge and awareness



Knowledge and awareness...

- "In house" municipal organisation in the perspective of role and responsibility. Activities such as seminars, study visits, reviews
- Information to and consultation with the inhabitants, for example through the website, brochures, information meetings and seminars
- Socioeconomic studies, for example EU and other countries' waste, local supply studygoods & services, local business environment

Foundations for a trustworthy process: four cornerstones...

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4. Openness and transparency



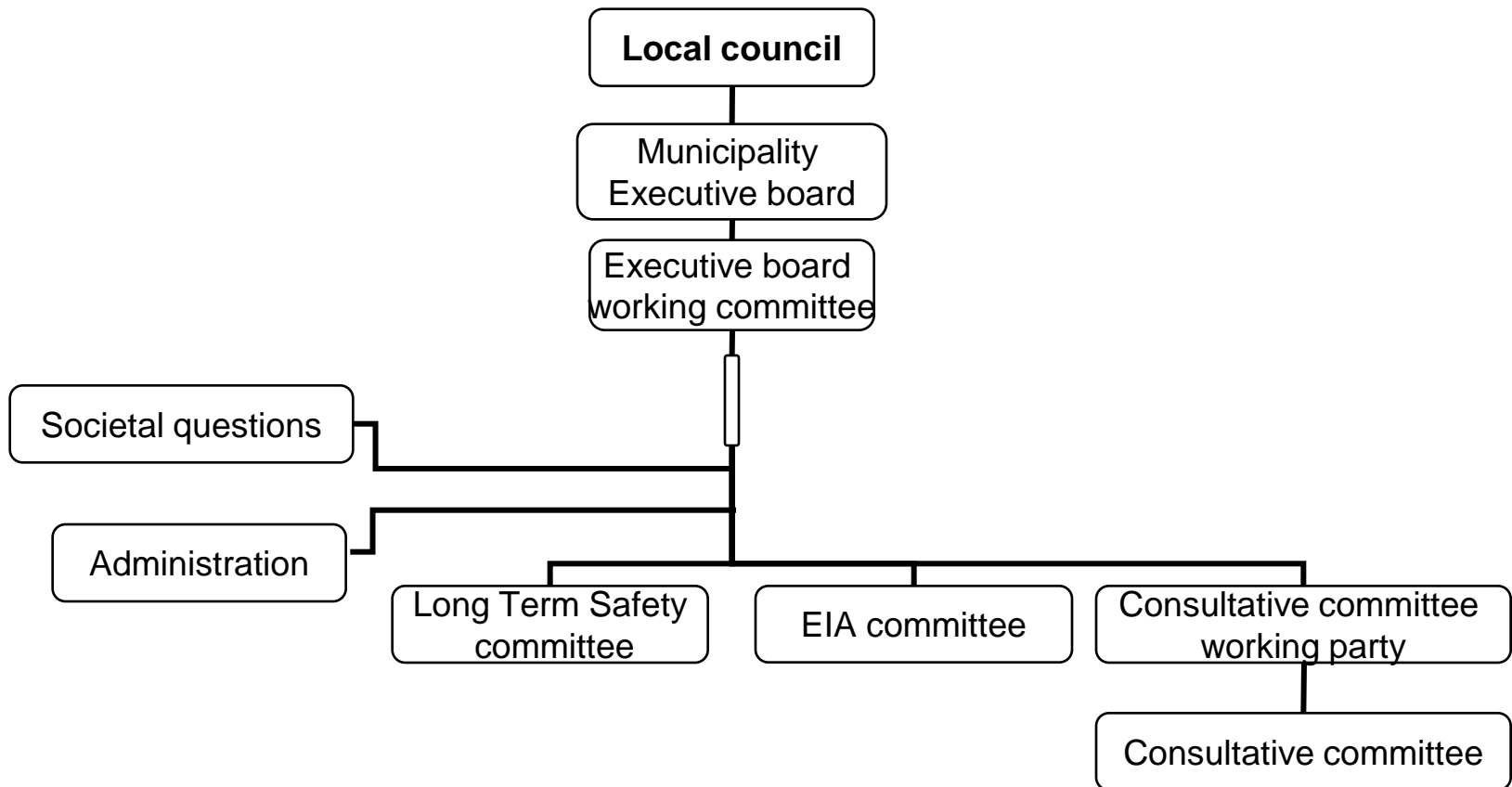
Openness and transparency...

- Between SKB and the municipalities
- Between the authorities and the municipalities
- Within the municipality
- Towards the public

Foundations for a trustworthy process: four important things...

1. Legal framework
2. Financing
3. Knowledge and awareness
4. Openness and transparency

Review organisation...



Main political considerations for the municipality...

- Long term safety
- Environmental impact
- Health effects
- Socioeconomic aspects



The
bedrock



The
environment



The society

Conclusions...

- Building trust takes time
- To communicate and to participate
- The process is as important as the content
- Realistic timetable
- Predictable process
- Openness and transparency

Added values - The Swedish Way...

Two municipalities taking responsibility
for a national problem



A comprehensive project during 15 years



Contribute to the development of the
municipalities



Win-win

What happens next, within the review organisation...

- Review of the RD & D program fall 2010
- Consultation meetings for the extension of SFR
- Participation in the workshop of IAEA, December 2010 in Las Vegas
- A serie of seminars in the spring. Focus on long term safety analyses and how to calculate and work with risks and safety
- SKB´s application for permission for the final repository, March 2011.

What happens next, within the added values...

Finally...



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