

**DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY**

**NOTICE 2420 OF 2024**



**Notice of the second set of National Nuclear Regulator (NNR) public hearings for the application to extend the operating life of the Koeberg Nuclear Power Station (KNPS) by 20 years.**

The NNR is an independent regulatory authority established as a juristic person in terms of section 3 of the National Nuclear Regulator Act (Act No.47 of 1999) (NNRA). The NNR ensures the effective oversight of nuclear and radiation safety to protect people and the environment from the risks of radiation associated with nuclear power plants, nuclear technology, radioactive waste and naturally occurring radioactive materials. The authority vested in the NNR is enshrined in national legislation, which gives it the power to exercise regulatory control related to safety over siting, design, construction, operation, manufacture of component parts, and decontamination, decommissioning, and closure of nuclear installations.

As part of the NNR's public participation process in accordance with section 21(4) of the NNRA, the Board held the first set of public hearings in Cape Town on 3,10 and 17 February 2024. The objective was to gather information from various stakeholders and members of the public on their concerns relating to health, safety and environment connected with the Koeberg LTO application.

The NNR Board will be conducting a second set of public hearings to ensure that sufficient information is gathered to complete the final review process of the Koeberg LTO application. Members of the public and all stakeholders are invited to attend the second set of scheduled public hearings for the Koeberg LTO application.

The hearings will be conducted in the Northern Cape and Western Cape provinces of South Africa as indicated in the following schedule:

Date and time of the public hearing	Province and venue
Monday, 3 June 2024 10:30-14:30 Registration closes 22 May 2024	Northern Cape, Garies Community Hall, Kamiesburg Local Municipality.
Tuesday, 4 June 2024 10:30-14:30 Registration closes 23 May 2024	Northern Cape, Concordia Community Hall, Nama-Khoi Local Municipality.
Thursday, 6 June 2024, 10:00-14:00, Registration closes 29 May 2024	Western Cape, Church on the Rise, Tableview.
Friday, 7 June 2024 10:00-14:00 Registration closes 30 May 2024	Western Cape, Belthorn Recreation Centre , Athlone.
Saturday, 8 June 2024 10:00-14:00 Registration closes 31 May 2024	Western Cape, Atlantis Multipurpose Sports Centre, Atlantis.

**Opportunities to participate.**

The hearings are open to all members of the public and stakeholders

Persons wishing to submit written representations must take note of the following:

- a. The written representations must reach the NNR by no later than 31 May 2024.
- b. All written representations must be addressed to – Peter Bester, Programme Manager: Nuclear Power Plants, National Nuclear Regulator. Copies of written representations may also be hand delivered to the offices of the National Nuclear Regulator - 12 Raats Drive, Delphi Arch Building, Tableview.
- c. Written representations may also be emailed to koebergLTO@nnr.co.za and marked for the attention Programme Manager: Nuclear Power Plants.

Persons wishing to make oral presentations at the public hearing are required to:

Register on the NNR website: <https://nnr.co.za/public-information/public-hearings/>

- d. Adhere to the time limit of 10 minutes per presentation.
- e. Indicate if the oral presentation will be made in English or Afrikaans and if a translator is required.

- f. Inform the NNR of any special needs requirements that could make it difficult for you to access the public hearing venue.
- g. Submit details of the oral presentations to: Gino Moonsamy, Manager Communications and Stakeholder Relations, via email to: gmoon-samy@nnr.co.za

**Availability of public participation documents**

Public participation documents can be accessed from the NNR website: <https://nnr.co.za/public-information/public-hearings/>

Please note that should you experience any difficulty in accessing the public participation documents, please contact: Gino Moonsamy, Manager Communications and Stakeholder Relations, via email to: gmoonsamy@nnr.co.za

Kindly note that if the NNR does not receive any requests to make oral presentations at the advertised public hearings by the closing date of this notice, the NNR retains the right not to hold the scheduled hearings. The NNR reserves the right to postpone or cancel a public hearing in case of unexpected circumstances or due to public safety concerns. If the external environment is unsuitable for in-person participation, the NNR may decide on alternative methods for soliciting participation such as holding virtual public hearings.