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## Norwegian Assessment of Nuclear and Radiological Threats

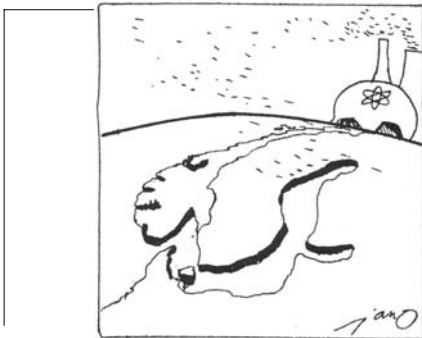
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## Norwegian threat assessment report

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  - The Norwegian Meteorological Institute
  - Norwegian University of Life Sciences
  - Norwegian Defence Research Establishment
  - Institute for Energy Technology
- Norwegian Institute of International Affairs
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## Motivation for assessing nuclear and radiological threats

- A particular emergency preparedness towards nuclear or radiological threats
- Most significant hazards are foreign
- Royal decree and the Radiation Protection Act provides a clear mandate and points out responsibilities
- National long-term plan for upgrading nuclear emergency preparedness (2003 – 2012)

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## Particular Norwegian vulnerabilities

Arctic environment and ecosystems  
Outdoor use, hunting/gathering, grazing in uncultivated areas  
Reindeer herding industry, Saami culture and society  
Norwegian reputation abroad, marketing



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## Changes in threat scenarios

- Increased globalisation
  - Norwegian citizens travel and work abroad to a larger extent
  - Norwegian service personnel in areas of conflict
- Improved conditions in North-west Russia
  - Improved safety at Russian facilities
  - Economical growth on the Kola peninsula
  - Remediation leads to temporary increased risk
- Nuclear renaissance
- International terrorism

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## New topical issues

- Norwegian participation in developing the Sthokman field
- Floating nuclear power plants (onshore and offshore)
- Climate changes
- Transport of SNF along the Norwegian coast



## Likelihood of nuclear terrorism



The Norwegian Police Security Service (PST) continuously assesses the likelihood of terrorism or other malevolent actions in Norway

Emphasis is on use of CBRN means

Our threat assessment report includes scenarios regarding terrorism and malevolent use of radioactivity

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## Different hazards I

- Limited nuclear industry in Norway (Kjeller, Halden, Himdalen)
- Nuclear powered vessels
- Radioactive sources in use in Norway
- Orphan sources
- Malevolent use of radioactive material



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## Different hazards II

- Nuclear industry and waste repositories abroad
- Satellites or other spacecrafts with radioactive material
- Nuclear weapons



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## Scenarios and consequences

### Emphasis on

- Possible events (scenarios)
- Size of affected area in Norway
  - Local, regional/provincial or national
- Estimated time before consequences occur
  - E.g. time of transport of release from foreign site to Norway
- Consequences
  - Human health
  - Environmental
  - Other societal consequences
  - Particular consequences for Norwegian citizens and interests abroad

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## Report summary table

| Scenario   | Size of affected area in Norway | Est. time before consequences occur | Consequences  |   |   |   |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
|  |                                 |                                     | Human health  | Environmental   | Other societal consequences   | Particular consequences for Norwegian citizens and interests abroad   |
| <b>Foreign nuclear power plants</b>  |                                 |                                     |   |   |   |   |
| Severe event at Kola, Lovingsgård or Ignalina (NPP or NPP-2), Sweden, Finland, UK og Germany | National                        | Five hours                          | No acute effects in Norway, but may cause considerable stochastic effects. May cause considerable psychological effects | May cause considerable national fallout. May have long-term consequences for the terrestrial environment            | May have considerable consequences for national food production. May have considerable consequences for other industries. Will cause some public worry. | May cause considerable acute effects and stochastic effects for Norwegian citizens in the surrounding area. Will cause considerable psychological effects in the surrounding area. Norwegian interests in the area may be affected. |
| Severe event at other NPPs   | National                        | Several hours or days               | No acute effects in Norway, but may cause considerable stochastic effects. May cause considerable psychological effects | May cause considerable national fallout. May have long-term consequences for the terrestrial environment            | May have considerable consequences for local food production. May have considerable consequences for other industries. Will cause some public worry.    | May cause considerable acute effects and stochastic effects for Norwegian citizens in the surrounding area. Will cause considerable psychological effects in the surrounding area. Norwegian interests in the area may be affected. |
| <b>Norwegian research reactors</b>   |                                 |                                     |   |   |   |   |
| Severe event at Juelar or the Halden reactor   | Local                           | Immediate                           | No acute effects, may cause some stochastic effects among the nearby population. Will cause psychological effects       | May cause local fallout and long-term consequences for local environment.   | May have consequences for local food production. Will cause some public worry.  | Insignificant.  |
| Assault or plane crash directed towards Juelar or the Halden reactor                         | Local or regional               | Immediate                           | May cause some acute effects, may cause some stochastic effects. Will cause considerable psychological effects.         | Will cause local and possibly regional fallout, as well as short- and long-term consequences for local environment. | May have consequences for local food production. Will cause public worry. May have other societal   | May cause some psychological effects.   |

## Analysis of nuclear emergency preparedness

- 1. **Threat assessment**  
*(Scenarios and consequences)*
- 2. **Challenges for the nuclear emergency preparedness organization**  
*(Countermeasure strategies)*
- 3. **Resource requirements**  
*(Prioritizing and recommendations)*



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