Radiation practice licence in Estonia

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Some background:
- Regaining of independence in 1991
- Nuclear submarine training centre
- Uranium milling, mining + tailing pond
- Near surface radioactive waste depository

Estonian Radiation Protection Centre:
- Established in 1996
- Regulatory Authority until 2004
- Since 2004 Competent Authority
- 20 staff members
- 2 main tasks – licensing and radiation monitoring

Licence (first period):
- First licences in 1997
- No exact requirements
- Without clear procedures
- One page document

Licence (second period):
- Long list of requirements in the legislation
- Additional materials for the applicant
- Procedures
- Visit by ERPC to the site before making the proposal to Ministry of the Environment
- Proceeding take up to 90 days
- Fixed state fee for proceedings to every kind of the activity
- Licence is document with requirements
Radiation practice licence:

- Proceeding of application takes up to 90 days (1-6)
- Body of charging the state fee is the Ministry of the Finance
- Proposal to the MoE to
  - issue licence
  - refuse to issue licence
  - amend the licence
  - revoke the licence
  - finish proceedings
- Directive of the Minister
- Licence is valid up to 5 years

Licence registry

- Hospitals 71
  - Nuclear medicine 3
  - Radiotherapy 2
  - Irradiation facility 2
- Dental X-ray 374
- Veterinary 7
- Industry 46
  - Industrial radiography 6
  - Irradiation facility 1
- Research 12
- Security systems 3
- Service 17
- Radioactive waste management 1(2)
- Other 2

Radiation Protection Action Plan:

- Requirement from Radiation Act, has to be renewed at least once in every 10 years
- Draft prepared by representatives of different Ministries, also licensees had possibility to contribute
- Preparation of document was open process together with public hearings
- Document was approved by Government in April 2008

Thank you!

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