

## **Fundamentals of Co-operation Between the HZG and the Monitoring Group (MG)**

### **a. The Monitoring Group and Its Creation**

In 2012, the HZG initiated a dialogue process for communicating through various means (press release, briefing of the Geesthacht City Council and the mayor, regional mailings, etc.) and publically launched the initiative in October 2012 with a kick-off meeting. The invitation was to connect all interested and concerned parties beyond the borders of Geesthacht to actively participate in this dialogue through a monitoring group.

On this basis, a "preparatory group" was formed, which has been discussing questions concerning the decommissioning of FRG1 and the dismantling of the nuclear facilities at the prior GKSS Research Centre with the HZG since October 2012.

Content of the discussions also included a framework of conditions for contributing to successful dialogue. In the course of this process as well as at an additional public meeting, the invitation was repeatedly extended to citizens to participate in a monitoring group in the future.

Details of this process have been published online at [www.hzg.de/dialog](http://www.hzg.de/dialog).

The "Fundamentals of Cooperation" are the result of this open process and the discussions between the HZG and the preparatory group.

Based on this process, the Monitoring Group was founded on

September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

The Monitoring Group currently consists of the following persons:

Michael Berendt (Environmental Advisor, city of Geesthacht)  
Bettina Boll (Geesthacht City Councillor, Bündnis 90 – Green Party)  
Anja Koops (Parents Initiative Geesthacht)  
Jörg Kunert  
Marion Lewandowski (AKW Nee, Bergedorf)  
Dr. Bernd Redecker (Lüneburger Aktionsbündnis gegen Atom)  
Karl-Hermann Rosell (Geesthacht City Councillor, CDU)  
Jens Schumann (SPD, Geesthacht)  
Dirk Seifert (Robin Wood)  
Horst Teichmann

The HZG dialogue partners are:

Dr. Peter Schreiner, Director of the Research Reactor Facility  
Axel Drawe, Head of the Radiation Protection  
Dr. Iris Ulrich, Program Planning and Controlling Director

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Dr. Torsten Fischer, Head of Press and Public Relations

#### **b. Legal Conditions**

There are, to our knowledge, no legal regulations in the Federal Republic of Germany concerning a dialogue procedure aiming at a consensus between operators of a nuclear facility and the public. In this regard, the HZG is voluntarily carrying out a dialogue.

#### **c. Active Participation and Consensus**

The dialogue process strives to find, through a consensus between the Monitoring Group and the HZG, amicable solutions to arising demands and measures for decommissioning the FRG1 as well as for dismantling the former GKSS Research Centre's nuclear facilities. It is self-evident for the HZG and the Monitoring Group that safety is always the utmost priority.

If a consensus cannot be achieved between the HZG and the Monitoring Group, all those involved in the dialogue are aware that in terms of legal nuclear authority, the decision lies with the responsible reactor director or the radiation director. It is nevertheless important for the Monitoring Group and the HZG that contrary points of view and the resulting dissent be made public. In the context of the dialogue process, common press and public relations endeavours will be used to present viewpoints of the HZG and the Monitoring Group in a balanced manner to the public.

#### **d. Duration**

It is the desire of both the HZG and the Monitoring Group to conduct the dialogue process for the entire phase of the FRG1 decommissioning as well as the dismantling of the GKSS Research Centre's nuclear facilities.

#### **e. Public Relations Endeavours**

The dialogue between HZG and Monitoring Group continues to aim, for example, at seeing to all relevant questions in connection with the operational phase and the decommissioning of the FRG1 as well as the dismantling of the prior GKSS Research Centre's nuclear facilities in terms of presenting comprehensive information to the public. This communication is undertaken in the form of press releases and publications, public events, providing comprehensive materials on an internet site and through other appropriate methods. The Monitoring Group and the HZG can, however, independently express themselves in press statements on the dialogue process and questions pertaining to this topic. The Monitoring Group can also operate its own home page under its own management.

#### **f. Transparency**

The HZG will continue to provide information on request concerning the operation and decommissioning of the FRG1 as well as the dismantling of the prior GKSS Research Centre's nuclear

facilities as long as no legal or other special considerations speak against making this information accessible (such as data protection, protection of privacy, safety).

#### **g. Stakeholder Inequality**

The dialogue is undertaken between stakeholders with various responsibilities, obligations, rights, interests and resources in the course of the process. The stakeholders in the dialogue process are unequal in regards to a.) legal standing (Atomic Energy Law, radiation protection, etc.), b.) financial resources (HZG personnel vs. predominantly voluntary engagement from the Monitoring Group members) c.) economic conditions (HZG's decommissioning budget) d.) "concern" (businesses/employees, the public, associations, residents) and e.) public access f.) technical know-how.

#### **h. Process Transparency**

Additional individuals or associations can also participate in the Monitoring Group. The Monitoring Group in conjunction with the HZG decides on admission of members.

#### **i. Moderation**

HZG has assigned a moderator in the dialogue process with the Monitoring Group. The moderator's duties are set forth by mutual agreement of both the HZG and the Monitoring Group. The moderator's work is confidential.

#### **j. Operational Process**

The dialogue between the HZG and the Monitoring Group consists of joint meetings as well as separate sessions for the two parties in forming the dialogue process. These meetings are not open to the public press.