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Stora torget in Oskarshamn.

Continuing cooperation with two municipalities

SKB will construct the final repository for spent nuclear fuel in Östhammar municipality. But this does not mean that cooperation with Oskarshamn will come to an end. The latter will also receive the greater part of the added value investments in industrial and trade developments, for example. This is in compliance with an agreement between SKB and its owners.

The purpose of the agreement on development efforts, which was completed 2009, was to create added value in the two municipalities, regardless of where the Nuclear Fuel Repository would end up. Now it is clear that approximately 75 percent of the added value will go to Oskarshamn. The remaining 25 percent will go to Östhammar.

In the long term

In the siting work for the Nuclear Fuel Repository, SKB worked in a number of locations around Sweden, although the focus during the last seven years has been on the municipalities of Oskarshamn and Östhammar.

SKB already has operations in both municipalities that will continue to run for quite some time. The interim storage facility for spent nuclear fuel, Clab, is in Oskarshamn as well as the Äspö Laboratory and Canister Laboratory research facilities. The final repository for short-lived radioactive waste, SFR, is in Östhammar. All of these operations will be dependent for a long time on a well-developed local business community.

Continuing cooperation

For SKB and its owners it is important to uphold good relationships and long-term cooperation with both municipalities. With this agreement we wish to contribute together to the development of municipalities that are taking a major responsibility for an issue that is important from a national as well as local business perspective. Thus we are also strengthening the prerequisites for our own activities, as well as those of our owners, in both of these municipalities.

The agreement includes development investments that will provide an added value of around two billion Swedish kronor to the municipalities, in the form of infrastructure, business development and education, for example. Many of the investments that have had a direct connection with SKB's own operations will now be directed toward these two municipalities.

Most of the investments included in the cooperative agreement will be made between 2010 and 2025. In the summer of 2010 SKB will submit applications for permission to build the Nuclear Fuel Repository. The greater part of these investments will be made after SKB has received the government's permission to begin this construction.

Important nuclear energy municipalities

SKB is planning major construction projects in both municipalities. Projects include the encapsulation plant and

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a plant that manufactures canisters in Oskarshamn. And in the extensions to SFR, the final repository for short-lived radioactive waste in $\ddot{\text{O}}\text{sthammar}.$

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