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Energy

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Over a quarter of the electricity and over half of the low-carbon electricity in the EU is generated by nuclear energy. Plant operators, under the supervision of national regulatory authorities, are responsible for the safety of their installations.

With the amendment to the 2009 Nuclear Safety Directive, adopted by the Council on 8 July 2014, Europe significantly enhances its leadership in nuclear safety worldwide. It takes account of the lessons learned from the Fukushima nuclear accident, the EU nuclear stress tests, and the requirements of the Western European Nuclear Regulators Association and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Nuclear energy:

<http://ec.europa.eu/energy/nuclear>

An absolute priority

for the European Union

The New Directive:

- strengthens the power and independence of national regulatory authorities;
- introduces a high-level EU-wide safety objective to prevent accidents and avoid radioactive releases;
- sets up a European system of peer reviews on specific safety issues every six years;
- increases transparency on nuclear safety matters, informs and involves the public;
- promotes an effective nuclear safety culture.

Nuclear safety:

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/nuclear/safety/safety_en.htm

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