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The Director-General

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Dear,

Thank you for your email of 19 April 2021 in which you request inclusion of nuclear energy into the green taxonomy.

The inclusion of nuclear in the taxonomy regulation has been subject of intense debate. While nuclear energy is consistently acknowledged as a low-carbon energy source, opinions differ notably on the potential impact on other environmental objectives, such as the environmental impact of nuclear waste.

The Commission considers that the credibility of this assessment is crucial. It has requested the Joint Research Centre (the Commission's internal scientific service) to draft a technical report on the 'do no significant harm' aspects of nuclear energy.¹

This is one step in the process. The JRC report has now been reviewed by experts on radiation protection and waste management under Article 31 of the Euratom Treaty, as well as by experts on environmental impacts from the Scientific Committee on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks.

The experts' reviews are now ready and have been published on the Commission's website.^{2,3}

The Commission will now follow up on the findings of the report and on the reviews by the experts, in accordance with Commission's Communication published in April 2021.⁴

Best regards,

¹https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/business_economy_euro/banking_and_finance/documents/2103_29-jrc-report-nuclear-energy-assessment_en.pdf

²https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/business_economy_euro/banking_and_finance/documents/2106_29-nuclear-energy-jrc-review-scheer-report_en.pdf

³https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/business_economy_euro/banking_and_finance/documents/2106_30-nuclear-energy-jrc-review-article-31-report_en.pdf

⁴<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52021DC0188>

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