

**The Nordic Nuclear Safety Research Programme
(NKS)**

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1 Audit of the financial statements

1.1 Introduction

As the appointed auditors for The Nordic Nuclear Safety Research Programme (NKS), we have audited the financial statements for the financial year 1 January 2011 - 31 December 2011 prepared by the NKS Secretariat.

The financial statements show the following results, assets and equity:

DKK / EUR	Current year	Last year
Result for the year	1,694,051 / 227,873	582,425 / 78,132
Equity	8,140,246 / 1,094,973	6,446,196 / 864,750

1.2 Conclusion on the executed audit – auditor’s report

The audit performed has not given rise to significant remarks to the financial statements.

If the financial statements are carried in the existing form and if further, significant information does not appear during management’s processing, we will provide the financial statements for 2011 with an unmodified audit opinion.

The audit has not included the management’s review, but we have read through the management’s review. This has not given rise to remarks. On this background, it is our opinion that the information in the management’s review is in accordance with the financial statements.

1.3 Scope and execution of the audit

The purpose, planning and execution of the audit, the auditor’s responsibility and reporting as well as the board’s responsibility have remained unchanged, which is why we refer to our letter of engagement dated 30 March 2011.

In previous year, changes have been made in the auditing standards we, as auditors, have to use in connection with the audit. Therefore, our statement will no longer be given according to the Danish auditing standards, as specified on pages 90-97 in our letter of engagement, but rather according to the international standards on quality management and audit as well as further requirements according to Danish auditor legislation. This change is not of fundamental importance to our work given that the previous Danish auditing standards were based on the international standards on quality management and auditing at that time as well as further requirements according to Danish auditor legislation.

As preparation for the audit of the financial statements for 2011, we have discussed the expectations to the financial development for 2011 with the Secretariat, including risks related to the association’s

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activities. We have, furthermore, discussed risks connected to the presentation of accounts and the initiatives the board has initiated for the management hereof.

On this background, we have prepared our auditing strategy with a view to targeting our work at significant and areas of risk. We have identified the following items and areas to which, according to our opinion, special risks of significant errors and insufficiencies in the financial statements are associated:

- Subsidy
- Project expenses
- Giro accounts

On other areas, the risk of error in the financial statements is assessed as normal and the execution of the audit has therefore had a lesser scope.

The audit was executed with a view to verifying whether the information and amount specifications in the financial statements are correct. Analyses, review and assessment of administrative procedures, internal control systems and control procedures have been performed as well as a review and assessment of bookkeeping items and documentation for this.

The audit has also included an assessment of whether the prepared financial statements fulfil the auditing regulations of legislation and articles of association. In this regard, we have assessed the selected accounting policy, the board's accounting opinion as well as, moreover, the information submitted by the board.

Furthermore, the audit has been planned and executed in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards and, in addition to the financial audit, it also includes a review and assessment of whether due financial considerations have been taken with the administration of the funds covered by the accounts.

During the execution of the financial audit, we have checked whether the accounts are without significant errors or insufficiencies. We have also checked the financial statements' agreement with the underlying bookkeeping records as well as the financial statements' concordance with laws and regulations as well as with commenced agreements and usual practice.

The performance audit has been executed as an integrated and parallel part of the financial audit and, among other things, has included random reviews of agreements and contracts, reports, analyses of expense and income items as well as an analysis of budget deviations.

The audit has been executed in connection with the preparation of the financial statements.

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2 The executed audit

2.1 Administration

Similar to last year, The NKS Secretariat is managed by FRIT ApS.

Agreement has been entered into on an extension of the agreement until 30 June 2013.

In connection with our audit we have established that in April 2011, the Secretariat had performed a single transfer between the bank accounts in the Nordic countries.

This was done to minimise the risk of foreign exchange loss in connection with possible foreign exchange increases and decreases.

2.2 Attestation procedures

We have performed a follow-up on NKS Secretariat's procedures and internal controls regarding attestation procedures and have found reason to state the following:

Project expenses

We checked on a sample basis whether the supporting documentation is duly approved by the programme manager or by chairman, Sigurður M. Magnússon. This review has not given rise to any comments.

In addition, we have established that the Secretariat regularly sends programme status to the programme managers. The programme status is forwarded approximately every second month and at the latest on 31 January 2012. The programme status includes, for example, a ledger card for project expenses so that the programme manager can see the individual payments on the project for the current year.

Secretariat expenses

Remuneration for the Secretariat is controlled as per agreement. We checked on a sample basis whether the invoices has been approved by Sigurður M. Magnússon. This review has not given rise to remarks.

2.3 Authorisation to sign

The accounts manager, Finn Physant, owner of FRIT ApS, and chairman, Sigurður M. Magnússon, have authority to make withdrawals on NKS' giro and bank accounts jointly or individually together with Claus Rubin, who is a consultant for FRIT ApS.

Our assessment is that the above terms and conditions for authorisation to sign, in consideration of the few staff members, is appropriately organised.

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2.4 Use of IT

In connection with our audit, we have performed a general review and assessment of the association's administrative use of IT, including of system, data and operation security.

Our assessment is that the association is dependent on IT in the daily business processes. However, the association's use of IT is not assessed as being a risk.

2.5 Non-corrected misstatements

Pursuant to the international auditing standards, we must account for non-corrected misstatements that are not insignificant, to the association's senior management.

All amount errors and insufficiencies in the financial statements are corrected in cooperation with the NKS Secretariat.

2.6 Discussions with management on fraud

During the audit we have enquired the Secretariat about the risk of fraud and the Secretariat has informed us that according to their assessment, there is no particular risk that the financial statements can contain significant erroneous information as a result of fraud.

The Secretariat has, furthermore, reported that they do not have knowledge of fraud or investigations in progress for assumed fraud.

During our audit we have not established conditions that could indicate or arouse suspicion of fraud of significance to the information in the financial statements.

3 Comments to the audit and financial statements 2011

For the individual items in the income statement and balance sheet we can supplement the presented financial statements for the year 2011 with the following:

3.1 Received contribution/subsidy

In December 2011, NKS received an extra grant from Strålsäkerhetsmyndigheten to the value of SEK 160,000 / EUR 17,954.

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3.2 Additional financiers

The additional financiers stated in the income statement may be analysed as follows:

	2011	2010	2009
Fortum Power and Heat Oy, Finland	162,804	154,783	154,973
TVO, Finland / Teollisuuden Voima Oyj, TVO	162,804	154,783	154,973
Fennovoima Oy	52,180	44,649	38,763
Forsmarks Kraftgrupp AB, Sweden	84,086	79,996	77,486
Kärnkraftsäkerhet och utbildning (KSU), Sweden	80,135	79,996	77,486
OKG Aktiebolag, Sweden	84,086	79,996	77,486
Ringhals AB, Sweden	80,135	79,996	77,486
IFE, Norway	80,135	79,996	77,486
Total additional financiers	<u>786,365</u>	<u>754,196</u>	<u>736,139</u>

The additional financiers are in accordance with the supporting documentation.

3.3 Interest income, exchange rate adjustments and other income

The item can be specified thus:

	2011	2010	2009
Interest income	124,641	31,363	21,346
Exchange rate adjustments	-72,519	372,559	105,066
	<u>52,122</u>	<u>403,922</u>	<u>126,412</u>

The exchange rate adjustments are mainly the result of foreign currency amounts being registered at the rate on 31/12/2010 throughout 2011. This gives deviations between the utilised rate and the actual rate.

We can report that the principle used does not affect the overall results, but just the allocation of the individual items in the income statement.

3.4 Budget balances brought forward from one year to the next

In the financial survey for 2011, budget figures for all expenses are specified. In addition, an amount transferred from 2010 of, in total, DKK 3,743,084; cf. the accounts pages 8 and 9, first two columns.

We draw attention to the fact that the remaining budget for joint programme expenses and joint trips, similar to previously, have not been transferred from 2010 to 2011 and are thus transferred to NKS' equity (reserve).

It is furthermore noted that the coordination and travel expenses as well as activity expenses granted to the programme managers for the year 2011 that are not used/allocated similar to last year will be

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transferred to equity. Thus, only the allocated activity expenses for R Part and B Part will be transferred from the one year to the next.

The allocated funds for a Fukushima seminar and website renewal will also be transferred from 2011 to 2012.

4 Performance audit

In accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards, we checked, for a number of selected areas, whether NKS has established business processes to ensure appropriate management of allocated funds. We performed our audit procedures to obtain limited assurance as to whether the management is conducted in a financially appropriate manner and whether the performance numbers disclosed are documented and adequate to cover NKS' operations in 2011.

According to our information, the grants (except for the grants contributed by Fortum Power and Heat Oy and TVO) are not earmarked for specific projects but for NKS' programmes as such. Based on this information, our audit was conducted on the basis of NKS' activities as a whole. During our audit, we checked that the grants from Fortum Power and Heat Oy and TVO have been employed as intended.

During our audit, we established that expenses incurred relate to individual projects and that the supporting documentation is duly approved. We noted that the programme and Secretariat budgets are kept. Finally, we checked on a sample basis whether reports have been prepared for completed projects.

We are not in a position to say whether the individual projects could be carried out in a more economical manner. However, no matters have come to our attention that cause us to believe that this is the case.

As part of the performance audit, we must check whether the individual projects could be carried out in a more economical manner / efficiency. During our audit, no matters have come to our attention that cause us to believe that this is the case. However, we must state that our lack of technical expertise within nuclear safety means that we do not have the possibility to comment on this.

4.1 Management of funds

We have previously recommended the placement of available funds in another way than in giro accounts in order to achieve greater rate of return.

The year's interest income is calculated at TDKK 125, which is an increase of TDKK 94 compared to 2010. The large increase is due to excess available cash being placed in fixed-term deposit accounts in the various banks. On the date of the presentation of accounts, the rate of return on available cash accounts is the following:

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Danske Bank, DK	0% p.a. on the entire deposit
DnB NOR, NO	Between 0.10% - 3.50% p.a. depending on the size of the deposit
Nordea, SE	Between 0.40% - 0.90% p.a. depending on the size of the deposit
SAMPO Bank Abp, FI	0% p.a. on the entire deposit

4.2 Agreement between bookkeeping records and financial statements

We noted that there is agreement between the performed bookkeeping and the prepared financial statements for the year 2011.

Similar to previous years, all deposits and payments in January 2012 have been included in the accounts as if they were settled before 31 December 2011. This utilised accounting policy does not affect the accounting result. Only the size of the cash available, receivables and debt are affected.

5 Statutory information, etc.

We have ascertained that on all essential areas, the association complies with the Danish Bookkeeping Act, including regulations on the storage of accounting records.

It is our opinion that the requirements of legislation on bookkeeping and storage of accounting records have been complied with. We have furthermore agreed that our archive material will be stored for 10 years after the expiry of the relevant financial year.

6 Economic crime

In accordance with the Danish Act on Approved Auditors and Audit Firms, we are obliged to check whether any management member has committed significant economic crime and under certain circumstances we must report our findings to legislative and enforcing authorities (primarily the Serious Economic Crime Squad).

During our audit we have not come across conditions or indications that any management member have committed economic crimes.

7 Other tasks

In this financial year we have provided the following other services to NKS:

- Assistance with the preparation of the financial statements

A fee for the audit of the financial statements has been agreed on, including assistance with the preparation of the financial statements, participation in accounting meetings and in board meetings as well as the translation to English of the accounts and long-form audit report, in the amount of DKK 44,000 excl. VAT. The amount has not been allocated as debt in the presented accounts.

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8 Statements in connection with the audit

8.1 The managements representation letter

As part of the audit of the financial statements, we have obtained confirmation from management of the financial statements' completeness, including that they contain all information on mortgages, guarantees, related parties, court cases, events after the balance sheet date as well as other complex auditable areas.

Management has further declared that all errors that have been presented to management are rectified in the financial statements. We have ascertained that the rectifications are included.

8.2 Auditor's statement

In compliance with the law regarding the approved auditors and audit firms, we state that:

- We comply with the statutory requirements for independence, and
- during the audit carried out, we have received all the information we have requested.

Roskilde, 24 April 2012

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