

## In light of the regulatory uncertainty, Nuclenor is not in a position to request the renewal of the operating license for the Garoña Plant

- The company that owns the nuclear power plant in Burgos has sent a letter to the Ministry this afternoon indicating that it does not know how the new conditions that could be established for the activity of nuclear generation would affect the plant
- The text affirms that, if the doubts surrounding the economic feasibility of the plant were cleared up, Nuclenor could request the renewal
- Technically, Garoña meets all the conditions to continue operating in a safe and reliable manner, as has been repeatedly confirmed by the Nuclear Safety Council and the International Atomic Energy Agency

**5th September 2012.-** Late in the evening Nuclenor communicated in writing to the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Tourism that it is not in a position to request the renewal of the operating license for Santa María de Garoña nuclear power plant for which, in accordance with Order IET/1453/2012 published in the BOE of 3rd July, it had until yesterday.

The decision of the owner of the plant is based on the fact that at this moment it does not know how it would be affected by the new conditions that could be established for the activity of nuclear generation within the framework of the energy reform which has yet to be approved by the Government.

In this sense, during the last month Nuclenor sent letters to the Ministry of Industry requesting either an extension of the deadline to present the request for renewal (14th August) or failing that, that it provided the information required to clear up the regulatory doubts that surround the future of the Garoña plant so as to be able to make a decision to justify the return of the investment that would be required.

Nuclenor indicates that it is this uncertainty that puts the economic feasibility of the plant in doubt, given the production results of the last three years and the investments of around 120 million euro that would have to be made to continue operating as a result of the CSN report and of the permanent modernisation plans for the plant.

In the last few days the owner of Garoña has also sent a letter to the Tax Office and Department of Economy and Employment of the Government of Castilla y Leon requesting information about the taxes of an autonomic nature that could directly or indirectly affect the operation of the plant and therefore the decision to request the renewal of the operating license.

In any case, Nuclenor has expressed that, if the doubts surrounding the economic feasibility of the Santa María de Garoña plant are cleared up, it would be in a position to request the license renewal because technically it meets all the conditions required to operate the plant in a safe and reliable manner as has been repeatedly confirmed by the Nuclear Safety Council and the International Atomic Energy Agency.