



# Press release

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## Go-ahead for rebuild in interim storage facility for spent nuclear fuel

**The Swedish Nuclear Power Inspectorate has approved SKB's proposal for a new technical solution in the transport channel that connects the existing storage pools with the new ones in the interim storage facility for spent nuclear fuel (Clab). The work of rebuilding the transport channel can therefore begin and is expected to be finished in August 2007.**

It was in connection with final inspections of the newly built part of the interim storage facility, which is not yet in operation, that SKB discovered that the movement joints in the transport channel did not meet all the design requirements.

SKB has developed a new technical solution for the movement joints, which SKI has now approved. This means that the rebuilding work can begin.

In parallel with the rebuild, the documentation required for the regulatory review before the new pools can be put into operation is being completed. SKB expects that the rebuild will be finished in August 2007 and that the new pools can be put into operation during the final quarter of this year.

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### Facts:

**Clab is a central interim storage facility for spent nuclear fuel that was commissioned in 1985. The facility is located adjacent to the nuclear power plant north of Oskarshamn. Here the fuel will be cooled for about 30 years before being transported to a future final repository. Clab consists of two water-filled storage pools blasted into the rock about 30 metres below the surface. The storage pools are connected by a transport channel that will be used to move the fuel between the pools.**

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