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Continued support for final repository in Oskarshamn and Östhammar

A recently conducted opinion poll shows continued strong support for SKB's work in Oskarshamn and Östhammar, where site investigations have been conducted for a final repository for spent nuclear fuel.

The percentage of inhabitants who say they are in favour of a final repository has increased in both municipalities during the site investigation period. In this year's survey, 77 percent of the population in Östhammar and 83 percent in Oskarshamn are for an establishment in their own municipality.

"The survey confirms that there is local support for our work, which is important to us. We will now continue our dialogue with all concerned parties," says Claes Thegerström, President of SKB.

The population around the country was also surveyed. A large majority (83 percent) think that disposal should take place in Sweden, and that today's generation should implement a final disposal solution if the safety requirements are met (81 percent). Knowledge of the issue is, however, lower nationally than in the site investigation municipalities.

"A decision on the issue is approaching and will be made on both the national and local levels. Knowledge of the final repository nationally therefore needs to be improved," says Claes Thegerström..

The survey was conducted by Synovate Temo in April. It comprised 800 local interviews and 1,000 at a national level among persons aged 16 years and up.

A prerequisite for a final repository is that the safety requirements are met and that the consent of the concerned municipality is obtained. Preliminary results from the site investigations are promising. Now all data will be analyzed and weighed together before a site for the final repository is prioritized. SKB plans to apply for a permit to build the final repository in 2009.

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