

Necsa Public Safety Information Forum (PSIF)
Minutes of the meeting held on Saturday, 20 July 2026

Venue : Necsa Visitor Centre & MS Teams **Time** : 10:00 to 11:10
Chairperson : Mr Thabiso Malatsi **Deputy Chairperson** : Mr Theuns Phahlamohlala

REGISTRATION (P = PRESENT ATTENDING PHYSICALLY / V = PRESENT ATTENDING VIRTUALLY / A = APOLOGY)

NAME AND SURNAME	ORGANISATION	DATE – 2025/26			
		20/06/2026 Hybrid	22/09/2026 Hybrid	21/11/2026 Hybrid	20/02/2027 Hybrid
Baloyi, Breeze	Resident	V			
Davis, E	Necsa	P			
Hawadi, Precious	Necsa	V			
Kekana, Mologadi	Necsa	P			
Komane, John	Necsa	V			
Kumbane, R	Resident	V			
Maage, Steven	Necsa	P			
Machaba, B	Necsa	V			
Malaka, Sammy	Necsa	P			
Malatsi, Thabiso	Chairperson	P			
Mashabela, Zenzile	Resident	P			
Matjena, PF	Resident	P			
Metseeme, SC	Resident	V			
Mosoeunyane	NNR	P			
Mosoetsa, C	Resident	V			
Moonsamy, Gino	NNR	V			
Mphuthi, K I	Resident	P			
Mthombeni, Princess	Necsa	P			
Nemavhidi, A	Necsa	P			
Nkopane, Lebohang	Resident	P			
Nkopane, V	Resident	P			
Nkopane, M	Resident	P			
Phakoago, Evah	Resident	V			
Phega, Charmaine	Resident	V			
Rakgwawe, L	Resident	V			
Rennie-Kroon, Amelia	Necsa	P			
Rikhotso, Nto	Necsa	P			
Santswere, Gaopalelwe	Necsa	V			
Schutte, Petrus	Pelchem	V			
Shezi, Wandile	Resident	V			
Sono, K	Necsa	P			
Steynberg, c	Resident	P			
Tengimfene, N	Necsa				
Tsatsinyane, Tshepo	Necsa	P			
Tladi, Ernest	Resident	V			
Tselane, Thabo	NTP	V			
Tyabashe, Loyiso	Necsa	P			
Van Heerden, Eurika	Necsa				
Wentzel, Veronica	Necsa	V			
Zeevaart, J	Necsa	P			

ACRONYMS AND DEFINITIONS

ABBREVIATION	DESCRIPTION
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(G)CEO	(Group) Chief Executive Officer
D&D	Decommission and Decontamination
DMRE	Department of Mineral Resources and Energy
DSI	Department of Science and Innovation
ECC	Emergency Control Centre
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
IRP	Integrated Resource Plan
JOC	Joint Operations Centre
JPC	Joint Planning Committee
Mo-99	Molybdenum-99
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPR	Multi-Purpose Reactor
Necsa	South African Nuclear Energy Corporation SOC Limited
NERSA	National Energy Regulator of South Africa
NGO	Non-government Organisation
NLA	Necsa Learning Academy
NNR	National Nuclear Regulator
NPO	Non-profit Organisation
NRWDI	National Radiation Waste Disposal Institute
PSIF	Public Safety Information Forum
SAFARI-1	South African Fundamental Atomic Research Installation
SAPS	South African Police Service
SDR	Special drawing rate
SHEQ	Safety Health Environment and Quality
ToR	Terms of Reference
TERM	CLARIFICATION / DEFINITION
Accident	An unintended event, including operating errors, equipment failures or other mishaps.
Disaster Management	A continuous and integrated multi-sectorial, multi-disciplinary process of planning and implementation of measures aimed at: a) Preventing or reducing the risk of disaster b) Limiting the severity or consequences of disasters c) Emergency preparedness d) Responding rapidly and effectively to disaster; and e) Post-disaster recovery and rehabilitation
Emergency	An event that requires taking prompt action, or the special regulation of persons or property, to limit the risk to people's health, safety or welfare, or to limit damage to property or the environment.
Emergency Plan	A document describing the organisational structures, its roles and responsibilities, concept of operation, means and principles for intervention during an emergency.
Evacuation	The rapid, temporary removal of people from the area to avoid or reduce short-term radiation exposure in the event of an emergency.
mSv	The millisievert (mSv) is a measure of the absorption of ionising radiation by the human body.
Public Notification	Notification to the public of an emergency and appropriate protective actions to be taken using the installed siren and loudspeaker system, local authorities, and Jacaranda FM and Motswedding.
Radiation	Energy released in the form of particles or electromagnetic waves during the breakdown of radioactive atoms.
Release	The controlled or accidental discharge of radioactive substances into the environment.
Sheltering	A protective action whereby members of the public stay indoors with windows and doors closed, to reduce their exposure to radioactive material in an emergency.

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1. WELCOME AND OPENING

No.	Minute	Responsible
	The chairperson, Mr Thabiso Malatsi, welcomed all members attending both in person and virtually. He shared the meeting housekeeping information and outlined the arrangements for the session. Before proceeding with the agenda, the Chairperson requested that members observe a moment of silence in memory of a former PSIF participant and colleague who had passed away two months earlier. Members observed the moment of silence in honour of their late colleague before the meeting commenced.	T Malatsi

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

No.	Minute	Responsible
	The agenda was adopted with no adjustments.	T Malatsi

3. SAFETY MINUTES

No.	Minute	Responsible
	Ms Mologadi Kekana conducted the safety briefing and reminded all attendees to sign the attendance register. She highlighted the following: • Extensivel engagement with the South African Police Service (SAPS), on situational awareness and personal safety. • Emphasised the importance of remaining vigilant and being mindful of one's surroundings, particularly when leaving home for work and upon returning. • Encouraged members to ensure that everything is in order before leaving and to observe whether anything appears out of place when they return home. • Make the above routine a daily practice. • Any unusual or suspicious circumstances should be treated with caution and assessed as potential security concerns. • Stressed the importance of being observant of the behaviour of people in our surroundings and reporting anything that appears suspicious.	M Kekana

4. APOLOGIES

No.	Minute	Responsible
	The following apologies were recorded: 1. Eurika van Heerden 2. Nikelwa Tengimfene	T Malatsi

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

No.	Minute	Responsible
	No corrections were made to the minutes.	T Malatsi

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

No.	Minute	Responsible
6.1	Schools of Specialisation (SOS): Consider inclusion of primary feeder schools into SOS programme to guide early STEM subject choice. Status: Ms Amelia Rennie- Kroon from Communications provided feedback on behalf of colleagues from the Necsa Learning Academy. She informed members that the matter regarding the inclusion of primary feeder schools had been raised with the Gauteng Department of	T Malatsi

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	Education during a meeting held in February. The proposal was discussed, and the Department indicated that it would be considered as part of future planning and engagements. Community Engagements in Madibeng 6.2 Chairperson awaits for confirmation of dates from Necsa so he can know when those engagements are scheduled . Comment/Question 1 6.3 Mr Coert Steynberg asked about the implementation of firebreaks by Necsa, as discussed in the last meetings. He remarked that a concern that August is approaching after which controlled burning becomes more difficult due to stronger winds. It was emphasized that the firebreaks should ideally be completed before then. Response : 6.4 Ms Mologadi Kekana advised that a firebreak plan has been developed but will not be implemented until neighbouring property owners have been consulted. It was confirmed that in line with the commitment made at the previous meeting, consultations will commence once the firebreak plan has been finalised. During these consultations, the proposed dates from the controlled burns and the sections adjacent to neighbouring properties will be discussed	
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7. NECSA GROUP UPDATE & NECSA PUBLIC SAFETY FEEDBACK

[Presented by Ms Qhamkile Boyede on behalf of the GCEO and Mr Clive Mokoena]

No.	Minutes	Responsible Person
7.1	Ms Boyede conveyed GCEO's apologies for arriving late to the meeting due to other commitments. She encouraged all members to register to vote in the upcoming elections and emphasised the importance of participating in the democratic process. She also reminded members that the primary purpose of the PSIF is to discuss safety matters. While other issues may be raised and considered where appropriate, safety-related matters remain the Forum's principal focus and priority. Necsa Presentation covered the following key topics: • Legislative requirements for PSIF meetings; • Delivery on the Corporate Strategy • Business Update • Regulatory Update; • Environmental Monitoring; • Public Dose; • Emergency Preparedness; • Services surrounding communities; • SAFARI-1 Operational Performance Necsa Learning Academy Presentation covered the following key topics: • The Purpose of NLA • Organisational Values • NLA Business Model • NLA Accreditations • Strategic Partnerships • Training Capability • Radiation Protection Business Model • Youth Training and Development Interventions • Opportunities for Training & Development • Clients List • Countries Where Services are Offered	Q Boyede C Mokoena

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	The GCEO, Mr Loyiso Tyabashe apologised for arriving late due to operational commitments and emphasised the importance of remaining focused on the purpose of the meeting. He reiterated that the meeting is intended to address radiation-related impacts on people and the environment, in accordance with the requirements of the National Nuclear Regulator (NNR). Members were requested to reserve discussions on economic, employment, procurement and other non-radiological matters for the dedicated forums that Necsa organises. Mr Tyabashe reported that the SAFARI-1 reactor continues to operate safely and remains one of the most reliable and highly available research reactors globally. It was confirmed that radiation-related impacts from operations remain minimal and well below the regulatory limits prescribed by the NNR. Mr Tyabashe further advised that compliance is continuously monitored through strict regulatory oversight, including environmental monitoring of airborne and water discharges, as well as the management and disposal of radioactive waste. In addition to complying with regulatory limits, the facility applies more stringent internal administrative limits and operates well below these thresholds. Reference was made to the previous presentation on skills development, with Mr Tyabashe clarifying that it was included only to demonstrate that the organisation maintains suitably qualified and competent personnel to ensure safe operations. He further emphasised that broader discussions relating to learner programmes and other operational matters should be addressed through the appropriate platforms. In closing, Mr Tyabashe reaffirmed that the facility, which has got a credible reputation since 1948, continues to operate safely and within all applicable regulatory requirements, and welcomed questions relating specifically to safety and radiation-related aspects of its operations.	
7.2	<u>Questions/Discussions:</u> <i>Question/Comment: 1</i> Ms Nolwazi Serero requested that future presentations provide a clearer explanation of the facility's licenses, including the purpose of each license, the applicable safety requirements, and the potential impacts on surrounding communities. She noted that this would enable community representatives to make informed decisions when providing their endorsement or input. Clarification was requested on the meaning of the discharge or transfer of a license, including whether it implies that ownership or operations could be transferred to private entities. Further made a request for the recommendations arising from the recent joint mission to be made publicly available, particularly where they relate to safety. Ms Serero noted that community representatives and civil society organisations have access to technical experts who require such information to provide informed advice to the communities they represent. Ms Serero raised concerns regarding security and emergency preparedness considering global geopolitical tensions. She sought clarity on the nature of security exercises conducted at the facility, the potential implications for neighbouring communities, and the measures in place to protect surrounding areas in the event of a security incident. She further requested information on the facility's security plans, including how nearby communities would be informed and protected should an emergency arise. Lastly, Ms Serero asked for clarification on the meaning of radiation protection, with stakeholders requesting a simple explanation of what is being protected, the potential risks to the public, and what communities should know to better understand radiation safety. <i>Question/Comment: 2</i>	T Malatsi

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	Mr Ernest Tladi requested clarification on the scope of safety matters referred to during the presentation. He asked whether community emergencies unrelated to the facility's operations, such as road accidents where public emergency services are unavailable, would qualify for assistance from the Necsa's emergency services. Mr Tladi further sought clarity on whether the forum could consider community capacity-building initiatives related to safety, or whether discussions should be limited strictly to safety matters arising directly from the Necsa operations. Question/Comment: 3 Mr Zenzile Mashabela referred to matters raised during the previous meeting, noting that GCEO had not been present and that some questions remained unanswered. He specifically referred to previous questions regarding the proposed new reactor and its budget, stating that the responses received indicated that no final budget information was available. Mr Mashabela expressed concerns that the project appeared to be progressing despite the absence of clear information on its estimated cost. While acknowledging GCEO's guidance that the forum should focus primarily on safety-related matters, Mr Mashabela requested greater clarity on how community participation, procurement opportunities and other socio-economic considerations would be addressed in relation to the proposed new reactor project. He requested that these matters be clarified by the GCEO or through the appropriate engagement platforms. Response 1: The GCEO advised that detailed information on the various licenses issued to the facility would be provided by the NNR, as it is important for stakeholders to understand the purpose and scope of each license for transparency. GCEO explained that the organisation cannot control international political developments. Its responsibility is to ensure that the facility operates in accordance with the highest national and international nuclear safety standards, including those of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), thereby protecting workers, the public and the environment. GCEO clarified that responsibility for the Vaalputs radioactive waste disposal facility was transferred from the organisation to the National Radioactive Waste Disposal Institute (NRWDI) following the establishment of the Institute through an Act of Parliament. A formal transition process was completed, and from 1 April all responsibilities, assets and operations relating to Vaalputs became the responsibility of NRWDI. Stakeholders were encouraged to participate in NRWDI's PSIF meetings for matters relating to the disposal facility. About training provided to the SAPS, GCEO explained that the training focuses on the safe handling of radioactive materials and emergency response procedures. Similar training is also conducted with other agencies, including international partners where appropriate, to ensure that radioactive materials can be managed safely if encountered during law enforcement operations. In response to questions about emergency medical assistance, GCEO expressed sympathy regarding the recent road accident raised by Mr Tladi. He further explained that Necsa's emergency response resources are maintained primarily to ensure continuous preparedness for incidents at the Necsa facility. However, when resources are available and operationally feasible, assistance may be provided to surrounding communities through established arrangements with the local municipality, provided this does not compromise the facility's emergency readiness. On the issue of capacity building, GCEO confirmed that, as a national institution, its education and training programmes are conducted on a national basis. While recognising the importance of local communities, it was emphasised that the organisation has a national mandate and recruitment and training opportunities are therefore not limited to the immediate surrounding area.	
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Regarding the proposed new reactor project, GCEO reiterated that the procurement process is still in its early stages. Funding is currently available for conceptual design work and the development of technical specifications. The overall project cost has not yet been determined, as this will depend on competitive bids received through the procurement process. He noted that prospective vendors would also be expected to propose financing options as part of their submissions. GCEO further advised that additional information on the project would be shared during future public participation processes, including the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and other project-specific stakeholder engagements, as more information becomes available. In closing, GCEO reaffirmed his commitment that any future reactor developed at the site would be required to comply fully with South African regulatory requirements and internationally recognised nuclear safety standards before implementation. In response to a request for further information on the facility's licences and authorisations, Ms Boyede clarified that the site comprises several licensed facilities in addition to the main reactor operations. It was explained that these authorisations relate to different facilities and activities conducted on the site and are subject to separate regulatory requirements. She noted that the various licences and periodic regulatory reviews demonstrate the stringent regulatory framework under which the organisation operates. Ms Boyede further emphasised that all facilities, processes and operations are subject to rigorous oversight and internal compliance measures to ensure the continued safety of employees, the public and the environment. Question/Comment: 4 Ms Serero requested feedback on the findings of the recent mission, noting that no response had yet been provided. She requested that the findings and recommendations, particularly those relating to safety, be made available to stakeholders in the interest of transparency. Ms Serero also commended the opening remarks of the previous meeting on the role and purpose of nuclear technology and proposed that Necsa establishes a dedicated stakeholder engagement platform to discuss the broader strategic benefits of nuclear technology. She noted that issues such as innovation, technology investment, science and technology cooperation, catalytic development projects and the role of nuclear energy in driving economic growth are distinct from procurement matters and therefore require a separate engagement forum. She emphasised that such discussions are important for surrounding communities, particularly in the context of the District Development Model, where long-term catalytic projects have the potential to stimulate regional economic development. Response 2: Ms Nto Rikhotso clarified that the strategic overview included in the presentation was intended to provide stakeholders with context on the Necsa's long-term direction and sustainability, rather than to expand the scope of the current meeting beyond its primary focus on safety and radiation-related matters. She acknowledged that the strategic information naturally generated interest in broader topics such as economic development, innovation and future opportunities. However, Ms Rikhotso reiterated that these matters would be more appropriately addressed through dedicated platforms rather than during the PSIF meeting. The Chairperson acknowledged Ms Serero's proposal for broader engagement and suggested that community representatives formalise their structure to facilitate more effective engagement with the organisation. He further proposed that, once formally constituted, community representatives engage with the CFO and the supply chain team during the upcoming Supplier Day to discuss economic development, supplier participation and related strategic matters. Given the limited time remaining in the meeting, the Chairperson proposed that the discussion be concluded to allow sufficient opportunity for the NNR to address the remaining agenda items.	
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	The GCEO advised that the findings relating to the long-term operation of the reactor would be made publicly available. He mentioned that the summary report had already been published on the Necsa website and that the detailed report would also be made available in the interest of transparency, enabling stakeholders to understand the review findings and planned activities associated with the reactor's long-term operation. GCEO further clarified that the Supplier Day is intended to be more than a procurement-focused event. It serves as a strategic engagement platform where stakeholders can gain an understanding of the Necsa's long-term direction, growth plans and future outlook. He explained that this broader strategic context enables suppliers and stakeholders to better understand the organisation's future procurement pipeline and upcoming opportunities. GCEO encouraged robust stakeholder engagement on these strategic matters during the Supplier Day.	
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8. NNR UPDATE [Mr. Sello Mosoeunyane, Manager: NTWP]

No.	Minute	Responsible
8.1	Mr Mosoeunyane opened by alluding that today's presentation focuses only on the Act and not on the management of radioactive waste. The NNR Presentation covered the following key topics: • NNR Act No. 47 of 1999 • Inspections for Q4 (2025/2026 FY); • Inspections for Q1 (2026/2076 FY); and • Worker and Public Doses	T Malatsi S Mosoeunyane
8.2	<u>Questions/Discussions:</u> <i>Question/Comment: 1</i> Ms Serero raised concerns regarding the scope of the National Nuclear Regulator (NNR) Act and the broader regulatory framework governing the nuclear sector. She noted that while the Act provides for financial risk management, including ensuring that licensees have sufficient financial provision to meet potential liabilities, her primary concern related to the broader Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) framework. She observed that the current regulatory focus appears to be predominantly on environmental matters, with limited mechanisms for addressing the social and governance aspects of ESG. Ms Serero questioned avenues are available for communities to raise concerns where they are dissatisfied with the interpretation or implementation of the legislation, particularly on matters relating to governance, transparency, community participation, disclosure and sustainability. She suggested that the absence of a dedicated mechanism for addressing these issues may indicate a regulatory gap. Drawing a comparison with the mining sector, she referred to the concept of a social license to operate, where communities and civil society have established channels to engage regulators on social matters. She asked how similar concerns could be addressed within the nuclear sector, noting that communities require meaningful opportunities to engage on issues beyond environmental compliance. She further expressed the view that, while significant public resources have been invested in the nuclear sector as part of South Africa's national development agenda, greater consideration should be given to ESG-related matters, including social license to operate, governance, transparency and sustainability. She requested clarity on how communities can engage on these issues within the existing regulatory framework.	

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The Chairperson added that Ms Serero's comments echoed a concern previously raised at the Forum regarding the effectiveness of the PSIF. He recalled that members had questioned whether the Forum has sufficient authority to meaningfully influence decision-making or whether it primarily serves as a compliance mechanism to satisfy licensing requirements. He noted that this was an important matter requiring further consideration.

Response 1:

Mr Mosoeunyane responded that the Public Safety Information Forum (PSIF) is primarily an information-sharing platform established to provide information on nuclear safety and radiation safety matters.

During the response, Ms Serero reiterated her concern that there appeared to be a regulatory gap regarding broader ESG-related issues and sought clarity on the appropriate legislative avenue for communities to pursue such matters. She asked whether concerns of this nature should be directed to the NNR, Necsa or Parliament.

Mr Mosoeunyane advised that, while he was not in a position to provide legal guidance on legislative processes, members were welcome to raise their concerns directly with both the NNR and Necsa. When asked whether approaching the relevant Parliamentary Committee would be the appropriate next step, he indicated that he was unable to comment on that process, noting that he was responding from a scientific rather than a legal perspective.

GCEO explained that both the NNR Act and the Necsa Act are subject to formal legislative amendment processes, which include opportunities for public participation and comment. He noted that the NNR Act had recently been amended through such a process and advised that the Necsa Act was also available for public comment. He encouraged interested stakeholders to use this process to submit proposals or raise concerns relating to the legislation.

He further explained that the relevant legislation serves as the governing instrument for the respective entities under the oversight of the Minister responsible, and that any proposed legislative changes should be pursued through the established public participation and legislative processes.

Addressing Ms Serero's comment that Necsa appeared to be both a "player and referee", the GCEO clarified that this was not the case. He stated that the National Nuclear Regulator is the independent regulator, while Necsa is the regulated entity and is accountable to the NNR. He emphasised that the NNR exercises independent oversight over Necsa and has, on previous occasions, taken regulatory action, including shutting down facilities due to non-compliance. He therefore stressed that Necsa cannot be regarded as both the regulator and the regulated entity.

Question/Comment: 2

Mr Ernest Tladi noted that the NNR is not governed solely by the National Nuclear Regulator Act, 1999 (Act No. 47 of 1999), but is also required to operate within the broader South African legislative framework. He referred to legislation such as the Constitution, the Preferential Procurement legislation, the National Electricity Act and the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), among others.

He emphasised that the NNR should ensure that entities under its regulatory oversight comply not only with the NNR Act but also with all other applicable national legislation and regulatory requirements. He added that matters relating to procurement and governance should therefore fall within the broader scope of regulatory oversight to ensure compliance with the country's legislative framework.

Question/Comment: 3

Mr Mashabela expressed concern that the current presentation did not build on issues raised during the previous PSIF meeting. He noted that the earlier presentation had included information on regulatory findings and areas of non-compliance, and he had expected an update on the progress made in addressing those matters.

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	He reiterated concerns previously raised regarding the effectiveness of the PSIF, stating that members had referred to it as a "toothless forum" because issues raised by the Forum were not formally tracked or reported on. He proposed the establishment of a joint task team comprising representatives from the NNR, the PSIF and Necsa's internal safety structures to monitor concerns raised by the Forum and provide regular feedback on actions taken. Mr Mashabela also sought clarity on the relationship between the NNR and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), asking how the NNR aligns its regulatory framework with international nuclear safety standards and guidance issued by the IAEA. He further observed that the information presented at the current meeting differed significantly from that presented previously, where several issues requiring corrective action by Necsa had been highlighted. He requested greater continuity in future presentations, including updates on previously reported findings and the status of corrective actions. During the discussion, Mr Mashabela referred to a graph contained in the GCEO's presentation relating to public radiation dose. It was clarified during the meeting that he had misinterpreted the graph, and he withdrew that particular question. Question/Comment: 4 Ms Charmaine Khomotso Phega enquired whether the National Nuclear Regulator (NNR) has a whistleblowing platform. If such a platform exists, she requested information on how members of the public can access and use it. Response 2: Responding to questions regarding the licensing of Necsa's facilities, Mr Mosoeunyane explained that Necsa operates several different nuclear and radiation facilities, including the SAFARI-1 research reactor, the NTP Radioisotopes facility and the Pipestore waste facility, among others. As each facility has a distinct design, purpose and operational characteristics, each is issued with a separate licence containing requirements specific to its activities. He explained that the licensing process requires Necsa to demonstrate compliance with facility-specific safety requirements, including operational procedures, radiation protection programmes and access controls to protect both workers and members of the public. These requirements are reviewed and assessed by the NNR as part of its regulatory oversight. Mr Mosoeunyane further stated that South Africa's regulatory framework is informed by international nuclear safety standards developed by the IAEA. While these international standards provide guidance, South Africa, as a sovereign state, develops and implements its own legislation and regulations that are adapted to the country's legal and operational environment. He noted that his presentation was intended to provide members with an overview of the role of the NNR and the legislative framework within which it operates. He added that the NNR had previously committed to presenting a dedicated session on radioactive waste management, which would be scheduled for a future PSIF meeting. In response to the question on whistleblowing, Mr Mosoeunyane confirmed that the NNR has a whistleblowing mechanism. Although he could not provide the contact details during the meeting, he advised members to consult the NNR website for the relevant reporting channels. He also indicated that concerns could be raised directly with NNR inspectors during inspections or engagements. Referring to a previous complaint that had been investigated, he noted that the matter had been assessed by the NNR and was found to have resulted from a misunderstanding of the circumstances. The Necsa GCEO thanked members for their participation and constructive engagement, noting that all the issues raised during the meeting had been noted and would be given due consideration.	
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Responding to comments regarding regulatory oversight, he explained that the NNR is one of several regulators that oversee Necsa's operations. He noted that other legislation and regulatory bodies, including those responsible for public finance, procurement and labour matters, also play important oversight roles. He emphasised that each regulator has a defined mandate and that Necsa complies with the requirements of its broader regulatory framework.

Addressing concerns about inspection findings, the GCEO explained that it is normal for inspections, audits and peer reviews to identify areas requiring improvement. He stated that the significance of the findings is an important consideration and noted that, during the reporting period, all identified findings were classified as low or medium significance, with no high-significance findings recorded. He added that Necsa's approach is to implement corrective actions and continuously reduce the number and significance of such findings over time.

He cited emergency preparedness exercises as an example of this continuous improvement approach, explaining that more recent exercises had resulted in fewer and less significant findings than earlier assessments.

The GCEO also clarified that radiation dose measurements should not be interpreted as regulatory findings. He explained that occupational radiation exposure for workers and calculated public radiation doses are expected aspects of operating a nuclear facility and are routinely monitored to ensure they remain within regulatory limits. He suggested that future PSIF meetings include themed technical presentations on specific topics, such as radiation dose, to improve members' understanding and address misconceptions.

In closing, the GCEO emphasised his commitment to maintaining a safe, transparent and harmonious relationship between Necsa and neighbouring communities. He encouraged members to raise concerns through the appropriate channels so that they could be addressed constructively, while acknowledging that stakeholders are entitled to use other available mechanisms where necessary. He reiterated that Necsa's objective is to operate safely, transparently and in harmony with both the environment and surrounding communities.

Question/Comment: 5

Ms Serero raised concerns regarding illicit radioactive materials and their potential impact on surrounding communities. Referring to earlier comments about inspections and illicit radioactive materials, she requested further information on what constitutes illicit radioactive material, how such materials are identified, and whether they could be found within neighbouring communities.

She further requested that the community be educated on the nature of illicit radioactive materials, the risks they may pose to public health and safety, and the measures in place to prevent and respond to such incidents.

Response 3:

The Chairperson observed that the discussions during the meeting, as well as those from the previous PSIF meeting, highlighted the need for additional education and awareness for Forum members on nuclear safety matters and the broader nuclear regulatory environment.

He recalled that Mr Gino Moonsamy had previously undertaken to engage the Board regarding the introduction of a structured education programme to improve members' understanding of the legislation, the role of the NNR and broader nuclear-related matters. The Chairperson noted that the current discussion reinforced the need for such educational initiatives.

He suggested that future educational sessions could be hosted not only at Necsa but also at the NNR's offices to provide members with greater exposure to the regulator's role and to strengthen the Forum's understanding of nuclear regulation and safety.

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	Mr Mosoeunyane responded that the National Nuclear Regulator (NNR) already conducts public education and awareness programmes in communities across the country. He explained that these outreach initiatives provide information on the role of the NNR, radioactive materials and other nuclear safety-related matters. He noted that recent outreach activities had taken place in Atteridgeville and Hammanskraal, with further community engagements planned in Gqeberha. He indicated that the NNR remains committed to ongoing public education and awareness, although he could not comment on the discussions previously referred to by Mr Gino Moonsamy, as those fall within Mr Moonsamy's area of responsibility.	
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9. GENERAL DISCUSSION

No.	Minute	Responsible
9.1	Question/Comment: 1 The Chairperson asked that the upcoming meetings schedule be shared with him to assist with planning and coordination. Response: Ms Boyede advised that the proposed PSIF meeting dates had been shared with the relevant coordinators to ensure alignment with other scheduled activities. She requested that the proposed dates be reviewed and confirmed before being circulated to members, noting that the September meeting date might need to be adjusted to avoid a clash with the Board or GCEO schedule. The Group Chief Executive Officer (GCEO) explained that it had previously been agreed that PSIF meetings should be aligned with Necsa's Board meeting cycle to strengthen governance and ensure that stakeholder matters raised at the Forum could be reported to the Board in a timely manner. He advised that Necsa's standard Board meetings are held in August, November, February and May, and requested that future PSIF meetings be scheduled during those months. He noted that this alignment would enable feedback and key issues arising from the Forum to be escalated to the Board, and where necessary, to the Minister, without unnecessary delays. The GCEO explained that the current meeting, having taken place in June, created a time lag before the next Board meeting in August. He therefore appealed for future PSIF meeting dates to be planned in line with the Board calendar to improve the effectiveness of reporting and decision-making. The Chairperson acknowledged and agreed with the proposal that the next PSIF meeting be held during the second week of August, with the exact date to be confirmed and communicated to members. He further noted that many of the community representatives would see one another again at the upcoming Supplier Day and expressed the hope that members would soon receive invitations from the Supplier Development Department.	T Malatsi

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

No.	Minute	Responsible
	Next PSIF Meeting Date: - 22 August 2026	A Rennie-Kroon

11. CLOSURE

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	In closing, the Chairperson thanked all members for their attendance and active participation throughout the meeting.	T Malatsi

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	He encouraged those who had not yet verified their voter registration details to do so following the meeting, reminding members of the importance of participating in the upcoming elections. The Chairperson expressed his appreciation to all attendees and looked forward to meeting members again at the next PSIF meeting before formally adjourning the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 13:15.	
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Chairperson: _____

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Signature: _____

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