

How the Helmholtz-Zentrum Geesthacht (HZG) Envisions Its Role

In transparent dialogue with citizens, the Helmholtz-Zentrum Geesthacht (HZG) would like to carry out the decommissioning of the FRG1 (Research Reactor 1) and the dismantling of the former GKSS Research Centre's nuclear facilities.

The term "dialogue" means much more than one-sided informational forums to the HZG:

In conjunction with the citizens, the HZG would like to identify the need for information, citizen concerns and possible conflicts in the course of decommissioning and dismantling the nuclear facilities and would like to achieve amicable solutions to these issues within the legal framework.

Transparent communication is made possible through public informational meetings and a dialogue forum between a continuous monitoring group (comprising representatives of regional citizen initiatives, community politicians and other relevant community stakeholders) and representatives from the HZG.

As part of a kick-off event on October 1st, 2012, citizens as well as Helmholtz-Zentrum Geesthacht representatives determined the priorities and topics of subsequent events.

These cover a specific range of topics concerning the decommissioning and dismantling processes such as the storage, transport and handling of, for example, radioactive waste. The Helmholtz-Zentrum Geesthacht also looks back at the history of the previous GKSS Research Centre and continues to fully support fact-oriented discussions on the leukaemia cluster in the Elbmarsch.