



#### FiR 1 TRIGA Reactor Decommissioning Licensing - Structured Argumentation

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# FiR 1 in the Finnish nuclear energy program



30 May 1960: TRIGA order was signed by Frederic de Hoffman (General Atomics) and Minister Pauli Lehtosalo

7.12.2018 VTT – beyond the obvious

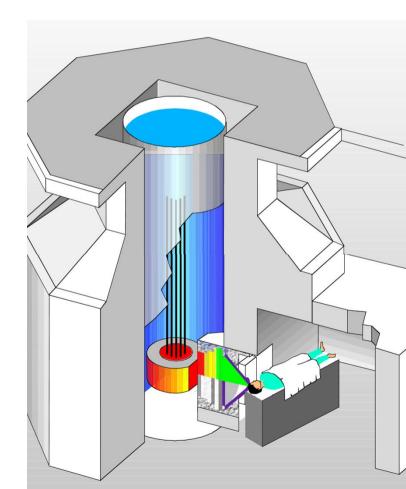
31 August 1962: FiR 1 inauguration President of the Republic Urho Kekkonen and Director of General Atomics Dr. Frederic de Hoffman with high level state and industry representatives



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#### History of FiR 1 in brief TRIGA Mark II, 250 kW

- Neutron beam research, activation analysis
- Isotope production (<sup>82</sup>Br, <sup>24</sup>Na, <sup>140</sup>La etc.), irradiation testing
- Facility for Boron Neutron Capture Therapy
  - BNCT treatments (> 200 patients) in 1997–2012
  - Special materials to be managed in decommissioning
- Operating license until 2023, shutdown 2015
- New "operating license" for decom 2019
- Inventory estimates (excluding fuel):
  - Mass 75 tons, volume 40 m<sup>3</sup> (mainly concrete
  - Activity 3.3 TBq (BNCT moderator and steel > 1 TBq)

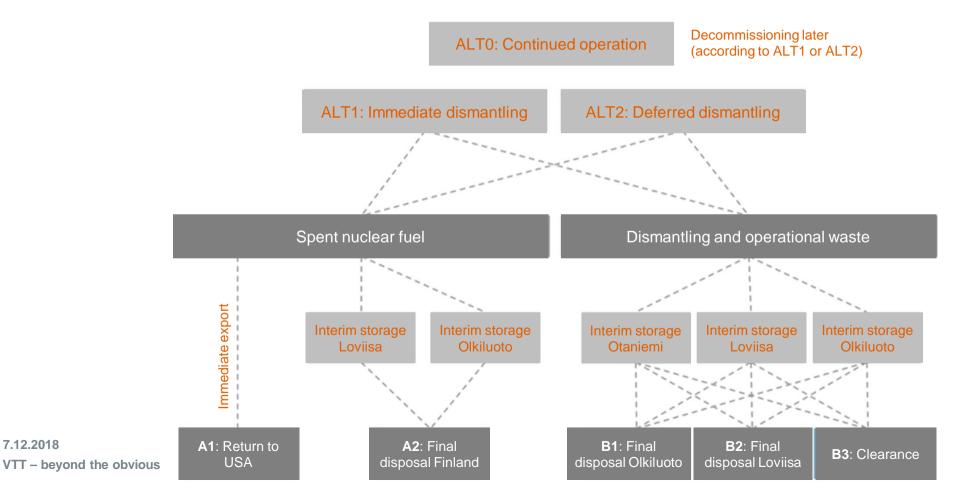


#### Status of decommissioning

VTT's decision to shut down FiR 1 2012 2013–15 EIA for decommissioning End of operations 2015 **Dismantling planning** 2016 License application for 2017 decommissioning Public hearing  $\rightarrow$  31.3.2018 STUK's safety assessment -> 31.3.2019

2021–24 Dismantling begins, subject to SNF solution

#### **Options for nuclear waste management** FiR 1 Environmental Impact Assessment 2013–15



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#### **Dismantling planning 2016–17** Example: cutting of the biological concrete shield

Competitive tender for planning Relatively high interest, good tenders Selected contractor: Babcock Noell GmbH & Fortum

Work completed by BNG and reviewed by VTT

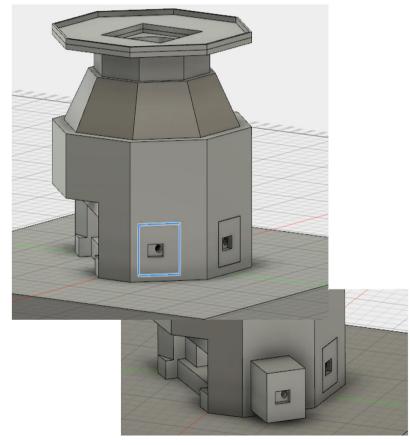
Practically in schedule (+ 1 month)

One small additional work order

Domestic regulation, packaging plan and safety classification scheme by Fortum

The plan forms the basis for...

Technical part of the licensing documentation Also supports costing calculations

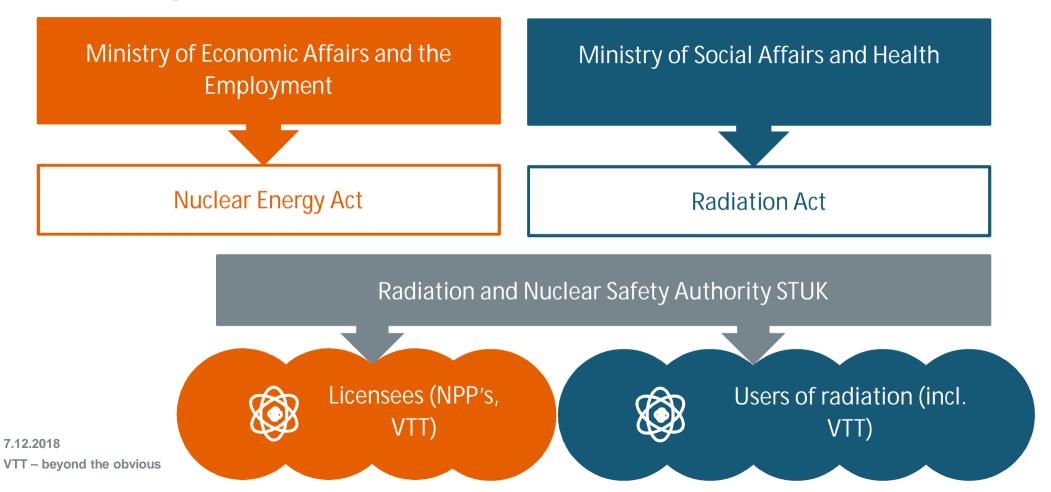


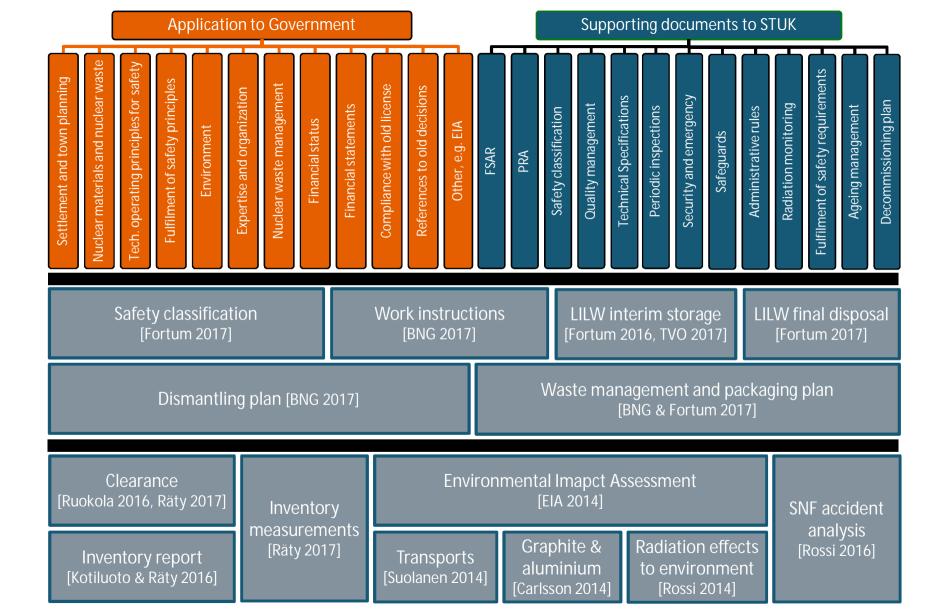
Babcock Noell GmbH



# Licensing for decommissioning

#### **Division of duties between ministries** According to the Finnish Radiation Act





## **Delivery of VTT's license application**



License application delivered to the ministry on 20 June 2017.From left: Jorma Aurela and Linda Kumpula (MEAE); Satu Helynen and Markus Airila (VTT).



Antti Räty delivering the last set of documents for STUK's review on 29 March 2018. Project manager Markus Airila delivering the first set of documents for STUK's review on 30 June 2017.





# Structured argumentation applied to decommissioning

# Case FiR 1

## **Safety Demonstration**

# Documents, tasks, and argumentation to demonstrate sufficient safety

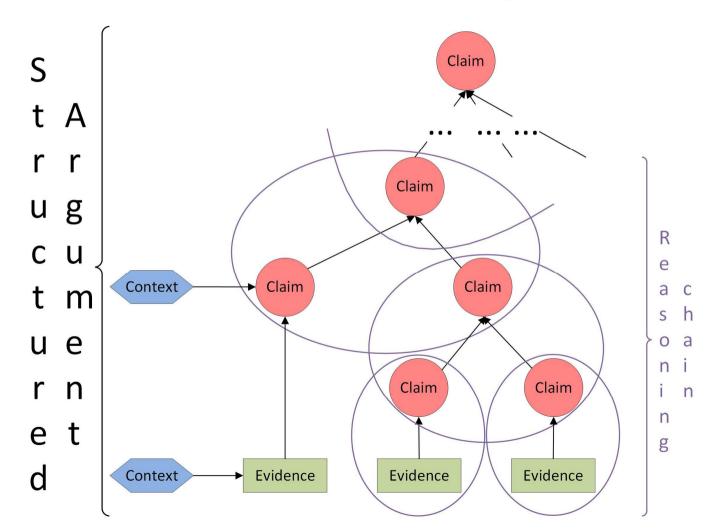
Advantages of **structured safety arguments** over linear-text based documentation

- Explicit logical structure  $\rightarrow$  better assessable
- Supports communication between parties
- Improves safety, reduces regulatory uncertainty  $\rightarrow$  saves costs

Preliminary version of the safety demonstration of the decommissioning plan should be included in previous versions

- "Living" document
- Detailed safety demonstration of the decommissioning plan should be prepared during the transition phase

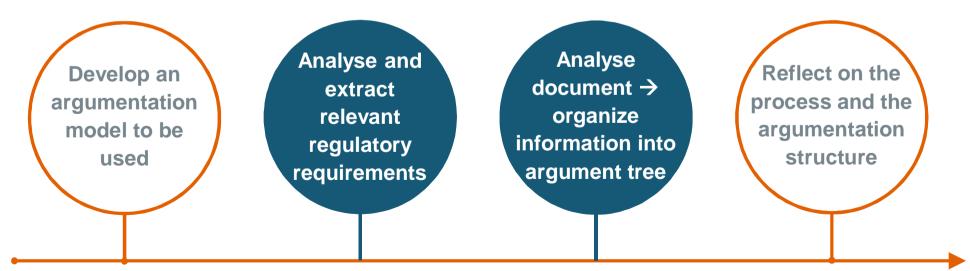
### **Basic model of structured argument**



#### **Decommissioning case study**

# Use of structured argumentation for planning and demonstrating the safety of the decommissioning

Requirements: Nuclear Energy Act & Radiation Act Document: License application for decommissioning (under review)





#### **InStrucT** Prototype of an <u>Information Structuring Tool</u>

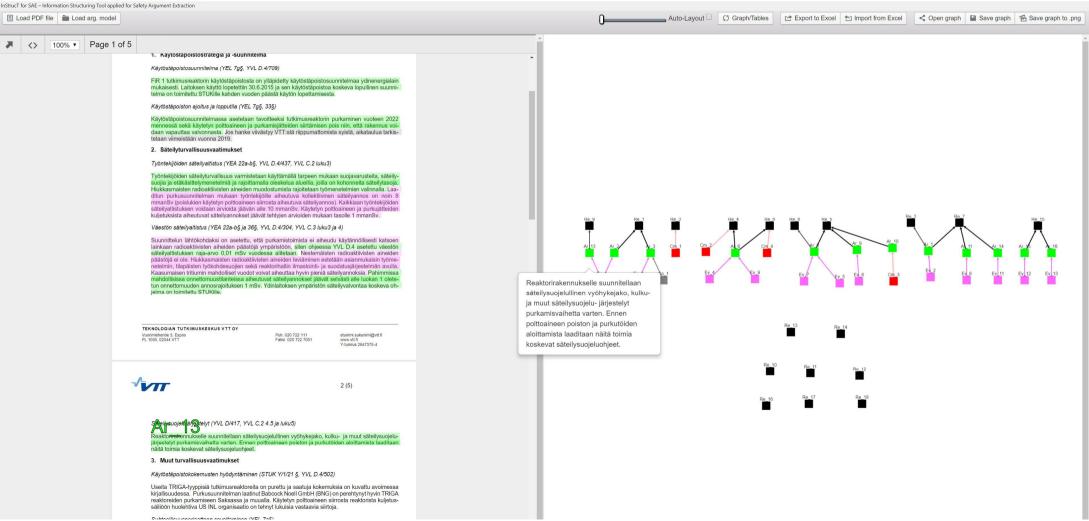
Main functionality: Organize and structure information according to pre-defined categories and relations between them **Specific use:** Extract and organize existing data into a coherent reasoning structure to present a structured safety argument Subject matter, safety and argumentation expertise **Relevant safety** document (e.g. SAR) Structured safety argument

Argumentation model

#### **InStrucT** in practice

InStruct for SAE – Information Structuring Tool applied for Safety Argument Extraction

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### **Expectations based on the case study**

#### **1. Using structured argumentation**

Thinking in a more systematic way
Explicitly outlined logical structure of the reasoning
Pointing out ambiguities, missing information
Some extra effort at the beginning
→ Expected to pay back in later stages in quality

#### 2. Using InStrucT

Better overview and higher-level understanding Supports analysis and evaluation of logic Higher confidence in judgement Just a prototype with limitations

# 3. Structured argumentation without a specific tool

Improvement over current practices

General purpose tools is more resource intensive

Losing interrelation information and annotation capability

#### Summary and outlook First nuclear facility to be decommissioned in Finland

License application for decommissioning June 2017

• STUK's statement expected Q1/2019 → followed by new license by the Government

# Uncertainties remain in waste management

- Relatively small activity and amount of waste
- Spent fuel: primary option US return, delayed
- Dismantling waste management with Finnish NPP operators

#### InStrucT case study – decom licensing

Public high-level document against legislation
 Conclusion: Potential (prototype) tool, limited case

#### Outlook

- Apply to technical level documents (more specific requirements)
- Work interactively in document preparation
- Connect to plant information management



### See also

#### VTT's info pages on the decommissioning project

http://www.vttresearch.com/services/low-carbon-energy/nuclearenergy/decommissioning-of-finlands-first-nuclear-reactor

#### **Decommissioning license application (Website of the Ministry)**

http://tem.fi/en/vtt-technical-research-centre-of-finland-ltd-s-licenceapplication-for-decommissioning