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The visit of the inspectors of the European Commission concludes with a positive assessment of the monitoring systems of environmental radioactivity and of early warning in case of emergency.

Positive outcome for the visit of the inspectors of the Radioprotection and Nuclear Safety Unit of DG ENER of the European Commission, held these days with the aim of verifying the efficiency of the monitoring systems of radioactivity in the air, soil, surface water, in foodstuffs and drinking water and how to monitor radioactivity in the event of a radiological emergency.

The inspectors expressed satisfaction with the information collected and appreciated the commitment of ISIN, which proceeded to strengthen the detection system through the activation of two very sensitive stations in the REMRAD network and the launch of the network renewal program GAMMA, with the replacement of 39 old monitoring stations with new technologically advanced ones.

The satisfaction expressed by the officials of the European Commission confirms that the line followed by the Inspectorate, since its establishment, is correct and in full harmony with the orientation of the European bodies.

Following the visit, the EC inspectors will share any suggestions and recommendations, which will be followed by the sending of comments by the subjects involved and, finally, the preparation of a report, which will be published on the European Commission

website: https://ec.europa.eu/energy/en/verifications-radiation-monitoring-eu-countries [1]

The verification activities were carried out at the ARPA Lazio laboratories of Viterbo, the Zooprophylactic Institute of Lazio and Tuscany, the physical and environmental radioprotection surveillance laboratory belonging to the ENEA Radioprotection Institute, the National NBCR Center and the ISIN laboratory.

ISIN, as an independent national technical regulatory authority on nuclear safety and radiation protection, is the national contact point for the obligations deriving from the Euratom Treaty and, pursuant to current legislation, carries out the technical coordination activities of the national network of Environmental Radioactivity Surveillance (RESORAD). The Inspectorate was, therefore, involved in the preparation of the verification visit and provided technical and logistic support to the officials of the European Commission during the execution of the visit itself.

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