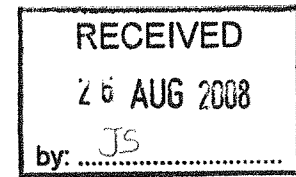


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THERE HAVE BEEN NO IAEA INSPECTIONS OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES IN RUSSIA SINCE 1994

ASNO has failed to inform the Joint Standing Committee about IAEA nuclear safeguards inspections in Russia - or more to the point, the lack of them - except in general terms.

The available evidence indicates that there have been no nuclear safeguards inspections in Russia since 1994.

Annual Safeguards Statements from the IAEA from 1995-2007 either explicitly state that no inspections were conducted in Russia, or they outline inspections carried out in declared nuclear weapon states and make no mention of any inspections in Russia.

Further evidence comes directly from the IAEA, in correspondence dated 19 August 2008, in response to a question as to whether any IAEA inspections were carried out from 1985-2000. The IAEA response is that: "The IAEA did apply safeguards in Russia during that time under its voluntary offer agreement for specific facilities (see 1994 Annual Report). You might also like to check earlier safeguards statements contained in the Annual Reports that are on our website."

FoE has inspected all IAEA Safeguards Statements and IAEA Annual Reports from 1994-2007.

The IAEA Safeguards Statement for 1994 says: "Voluntary-offer agreements were in force with the five nuclear-weapon States and safeguards were applied pursuant to these agreements at designated facilities in all nuclear-weapon States. Safeguards activities in nuclear-weapon States also continued where other obligations existed, e.g. INFCIRC/66/Rev.2-type agreements."
<www.iaea.org/Publications/Reports/Anrep94/anr9412.html>

The IAEA documents from 1995-2001 outline inspections carried out in declared nuclear weapon states and make no mention of any inspections in Russia. It can safely be concluded that there were none.

The IAEA documents from 2002-2007 explicitly state that no inspections were carried out in Russia.

ASNO could be asked to review IAEA Annual Reports and Safeguards Statements from 1985 (when the USSR signed a safeguards agreement with the IAEA) and 1993, but in any event all the available evidence indicates that there have been no inspections since 1994.

The Committee might like to contrast the above evidence with ASNO's false claim that Australia's "strict" safeguards conditions "ensure" that Australian uranium will not be diverted for weapons production. Safeguards ensure no such thing - there are no safeguards in Russia.