

INFORMATION SHEET

Tours to the Asse II mine

Explanations in connection with the access and visitors regulations (as of September 2015)

Ladies and gentlemen,

During the visit to the Asse II mine operated by the **Federal Office for Radiation Protection (BfS)** a maximum of safety is guaranteed. The members of staff of the BfS and the Asse-GmbH operating company will be pleased to be of assistance to you while you are visiting the facility. Some instructions and directions need to be followed when visiting the mine.

Registration for a tour

Visits to the mine take place from Monday to Friday and only by appointment and registration. For operational reasons, the number of participants is limited. Single persons will have to join a group. Early registration is recommended.

Persons 16 years or older can take part. At the latest, 10 days prior to the visiting date, the following data is required for each person taking part in the tour:

- Name, surname and, if applicable, name at birth
- Address (street, postcode, town)
- Date and place of birth
- Identification card or number of passport and expiry date
- Clothing size
- Shoe size
- Minors must have a written declaration of consent by a parent or guardian

Information on data protection:

The personal data transmitted by you shall be treated confidentially according to the provisions of the Federal Data Protection Act, and shall in particular only be used and processed for the purposes it has been collected for. By transmitting your data you agree with the processing of the data to the extent described. You can revoke your consent at any time and without giving reasons.

Legal information

Please remember that the Asse II mine is operated under the provisions of mining and nuclear law; therefore, special safety regulations apply. In rare cases, short-term cancellations of or modifications to the tour may occur. Please give us a valid phone number or email address so that we will be able to inform you.

Please bring a valid official identification document to the tour (identification card or passport), so that you can prove your identity to the mine security staff! Only then will you receive a visitor pass for your stay on the premises.

Procedure

Meeting point is at 11.30 a.m. at the INFO ASSE information centre (opposite the mine, ample parking space in front of the information centre). Following an introduction into the topic (ca. 60

minutes) you will walk to the mine where you can change into miner's clothing. You will then be given the safety instructions before you do the tour of the mine. After having left the mine you change again into your own clothes. The tour ends at the information centre. Plan at least 5 hours for the entire tour.

Situation underground

To guarantee your safety, you should feel certain about being physically fit for a tour through the mine. During the tour underground you will be in a physical and emotional stress situation, among others because of high temperatures (< 30°C), darkness, unfamiliar sounds and noise, lack of space in parts and enhanced dust generation due to operational works. Visitors should have the respective bodily strength and mobility. During the tour you will have to walk some distances carrying a so-called Oxygen Self-Rescuer weighing about 5 kg (will be provided),

Restrictions

All participants must be aged 16 or over. Pregnant women and persons suffering from the following health restrictions must not take part in the visiting tour:

- **Health-related difficulties or disability or Musculoskeletal disorder**
- **Pathological fear of being in enclosed spaces (claustrophobia)**
- **Seizure disorder (epilepsy)**
- **Bronchial asthma and/or severe respiratory diseases**
- **Heart diseases (in particular angina pectoris)**
- **Consequences of a heart attack or persons with cardiac arrhythmias**
- **Consequences of a stroke (apoplex)**
- **Considerable hypertension**
- **Pronounced Diabetes (Diabetes mellitus)**

Please be advised that in general you cannot expect immediate medical support. In case of doubt please consult a doctor beforehand. As there are no cleaning facilities, no contacts should be worn underground; instead, glasses should be given preference.

Operational provisions

People staying on the premises and doing the tour do this at their own risk. As far as legally permissible, we do not assume any liability for damage. At the premises, information signs and mandatory signs must be observed and instructions given by the attending staff must be followed. Prior to and during the tour to the mine people must not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Smoking is strictly forbidden underground and in all buildings. Before the tour to the mine will start, you will be provided with the appropriate clothing and equipment (hard hat, safety shoes, pit lamp, oxygen self-rescuer). Before entering the mine you will receive instructions for the use of the protective clothing.

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