Early Warning System

DFC-DASA

Environmental and Social Impact Assessment for Dasa Uranium Mining Project

Quick Facts

Countries	Niger
Specific Location	Agadez, Niger
Financial Institutions	US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Borrower	Global Atomic Corporation
Sectors	Mining

Project Description

According to the DFC, the Project involves the mining of uranium at a site which is located near Agadaz in Niger. The surrounding area is sparsely inhabited with no permanent villages within the project's direct (i.e., 7 km) area of influence. Livestock grazing occurs to a limited extent within the area. The extended (i.e., 15 km) area of influence includes three permanent villages and more extensive livelihood activities.

The DASA Uranium Project is fully permitted for underground mining and construction of supporting infrastructure. Underground mine development and construction of surface infrastructure are currently underway, commercial production is scheduled to begin in early 2025.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

According to the DFC, The Project is screened as Category A because it has significant diverse impacts which are associated with the extraction of uranium from an underground mine and processing of the ore.

Investment Description

- US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)

Private Actors Description

Global Atomic Corporation through its wholly owned subsidiary Global Atomic Fuels Corporation owns an 80% interest in SOMIDA S.A. a Nigerein Company; the Government of Niger owns the remaining 20% of SOMIDA. SOMIDA owns the DASA Uranium Project located in Niger, Africa.

Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Global Atomic Corporation	Client	Mining
-	-	-	-	Global Atomic Fuels Corporation	Subsidiary	Mining

Contact Information

The Project ESIA will be available for review at:

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Bank Documents

- Appendix 1 - Bibliographical References [Original Source]
- Appendix 10 - Workforce Management Procedures [Original Source]
- Appendix 11 - Hygiene, Safety and Health Plan [Original Source]
- Appendix 12 - Emergency Management Plan [Original Source]
- Appendix 13 - Closure Plan [Original Source]
- Appendix 2 - Biodiversity Report (Dry Season) [Original Source]
- Appendix 3 - Biodiversity Report (Rainy Season) [Original Source]
- Appendix 4 - Biodiversity Management Plan [Original Source]
- Appendix 5 - Piezometric Groundwater Study [Original Source]
- Appendix 6 - Radiological Study [Original Source]
- Appendix 7 - Culture and Archaeology Heritage Report, Chance Find Procedure [Original Source]
- Appendix 8 - Stakeholder Engagement Plan [Original Source]
- Appendix 9 - Gender Based Violence Policy [Original Source]
- Cover Letter [Original Source]
- Environmental and Social Action Plan (ESAP) [Original Source]
- Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) [Original Source]
- Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) - Addendum [Original Source]
- Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) - Non-Technical Summary [Original Source]
- Initial Project Summary [Original Source]
- Prevention of Road Risk [Original Source]