

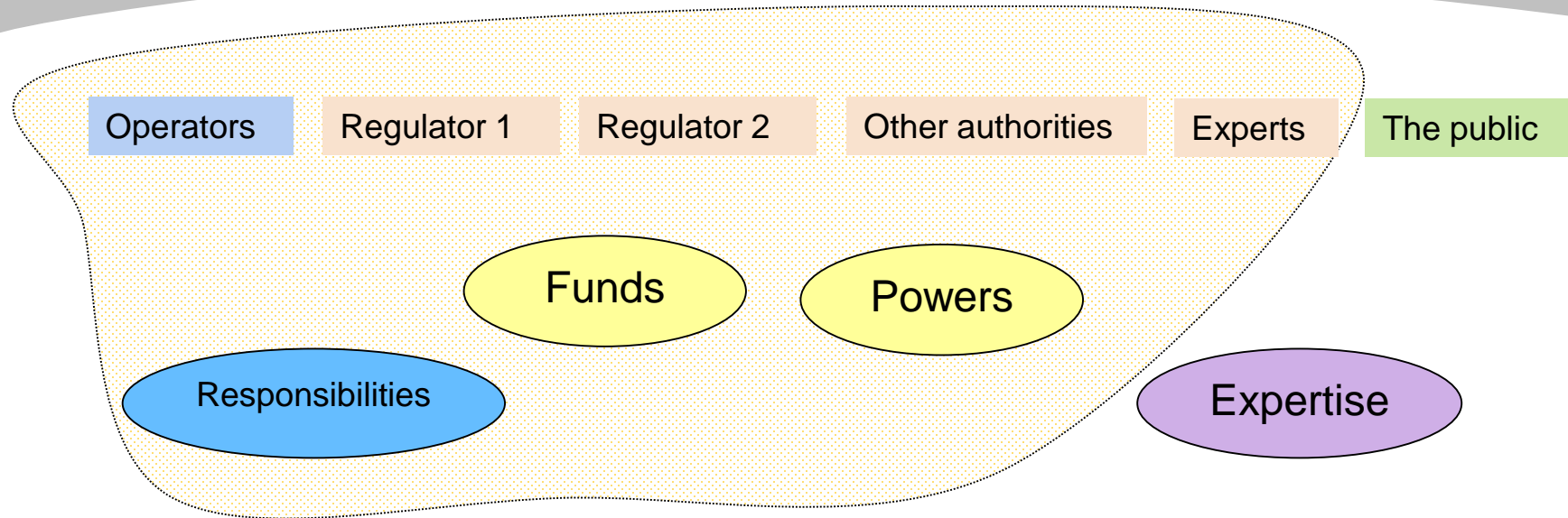
TM on Stakeholder Engagement in Decision-Making

Needs and Challenges in Stakeholder's Engagement

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Key Stakeholders for D&ER Decision Making



Operators, regulatory authorities and experts are the key stakeholders for D&ER in terms of responsibilities for radiation safety, money and expertise. With government responsible for legacy sites it is the government who decides.

Do key stakeholders speak one language?

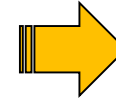
Do they have joint vision or disputes on D&ER goals, criteria, etc?

Are formal procedures in place to incorporate the public into the process? Are they satisfactory?



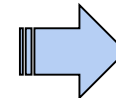
Time Perspective in D&ER Decision Making

A period of 10-15 years is short in terms of radioactive decay or in terms of environmental protection (a tree grows for decades). But it is long enough in terms of economy and planning.



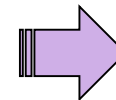
The challenge is to balance resources, needs and expectations.

D&ER may start years after permanent shutdown and take quite a long time, perhaps, decades. Some sites may require long-term stewardship.



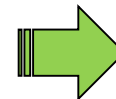
The challenge is to develop a strategy to reach an end-state.

The public demands clean and safe environment now or in the near future.



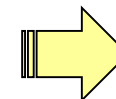
The challenge is to reduce risks and communicate long-term solutions.

The potential of natural attenuation is not always assessed.



The challenge is to incorporate different options into decision making.

Availability of resources and desirable time for D&ER may not match.



The challenge is to ensure flexible decision making and avoid redundant projects.