

Meeting:	NuLeAF Steering Group, 27 June 2007
Agenda Item:	9
Subject:	Regional Seminars
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Purpose:	To outline proposals for regional seminars on nuclear legacy management

Introduction

This report proposes that a series of regional seminars on nuclear legacy management be organised in the second half of November 07.

Recommendation

That the Steering Group approve the proposals outlined in this report and authorise the Executive Director to take the necessary actions to organise the seminars.

Background

The SG will recall that a series of five regional seminars were organised in the autumn of 2006. These seminars provided a useful opportunity to brief member authorities on key developments and to discuss the implications for local government.

It is proposed to organise a second round of seminars, taking account of:

- feedback from the first round of seminars (see Annex 1);
- organisational developments in nuclear legacy management; and
- recent local authority initiatives

This report sets out:

- seminar aims;
- an outline seminar agenda; and
- proposed organisation

Seminar Aims

It is proposed that the aims of the seminars should be to:

- brief member authorities on key developments in nuclear legacy management
- promote discussion about the implications for local government
- identify initiatives that NuLeAF can take to support member authorities
- increase member authority input to NuLeAF's work

Outline Seminar Agenda

The following provisional agenda is proposed:

- 10.00 Introduction and Overview – NuLeAF
- 10.15 The Implementation Framework for a Geological Repository – DEFRA
- 10.45 Strategy Development for LLW Management – NDA
- 11.15 Tea/coffee
- 11.30 LLW Management: A Local Case Study – a Member Authority
- 11.50 Group Discussions [parallel sessions on (a) the repository and (b) LLW Management]
- 12.30 Report Backs to Plenary
- 12.45 Lunch
- 1.30 The NDA Engagement Plan: Key Topics for Future Engagement – NDA
- 2.0 Innovation in Legacy Management: a Case for Inter-Site Transfers? – SLC
- 2.30 Implications of New Build for Legacy Management – NuLeAF
- 3.0 Tea/coffee
- 3.15 Group Discussions [parallel sessions on pm topics]
- 4.0 Report Backs to Plenary
- 4.15 Closing Remarks

The proposed agenda takes account of feedback from the first round of seminars. It provides opportunity for a mix of presentations, plenary Q&A and group discussions. It covers key developments in nuclear legacy management for both the long-term and interim, including processes of engagement.

Organisation

The first round of seminars was organised on the basis of those regions that contained the greater concentration of nuclear sites and NuLeAF member authorities. Seminars were organised in Ipswich (East Anglia), London (South and South East), Taunton (South West), Preston (North West) and Llandudno (North Wales).

Since that time, the NDA has adopted a 'Site Licensee Company facing' approach, and this has been echoed in the 'Sedgemoor initiative' of meetings of district councils with Magnox South sites. An overview of SLC organisation, sites and most directly affected local authorities is attached as Annex 2.

It is therefore proposed to organise three seminars as follows:

- London – inviting authorities in East Anglia, the South, South East and South West, covering Magnox South and Research Sites Restoration SLCs;
- Preston – inviting authorities in the North West, covering Sellafield, LLWR and Springfields SLCs; and

- Manchester – inviting authorities in North Wales, Gloucestershire, and from around Chapel Cross and Hunterston sites in Scotland, thereby covering the Magnox North SLC.

Reducing the number of seminars from 5 to 3 would help ensure a suitable level of attendance at each seminar and reduce the organisational load on NuLeAF staff. Organisation of the third seminar would be undertaken in consultation with SCCoRWM and the Wales LGA.

Invitees would include local authorities, regional assemblies, regional development agencies and Site Stakeholder Groups. The target number for attendance at each seminar is 30-40 participants.

It is proposed that the following fee structure be adopted:

- NuLeAF contributing authorities – no fee for the first two registrations, £50 per person for additional registrations
- NuLeAF corresponding members - £50 per person
- Non-member authorities and other bodies - £100 per person.

Introducing a fee structure takes into account the feedback from the first round of seminars and the need for NuLeAF to increase its income.

It is suggested that authorities with British Energy and MoD sites be invited to the nearest appropriate seminar. It may also be appropriate to convene a separate meeting for authorities with BE sites (see Progress report elsewhere on the agenda).

Annex 1: Summary of Feedback from Autumn 06 Seminars

Participants were asked to complete feedback forms. Forty forms were returned. Overall a large majority of participants found the seminars of considerable value and welcomed the opportunity to discuss issues with colleagues from other local authorities and from national bodies. Responses are summarised in the table below:

SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK	
Question	Comments and numbers
What worked well?	At-table discussions 19 Good mix of presentations and discussion 6 Presentations 5 Morning presentations 4 Opportunity for networking 2 Level of participation in discussion 1 Seminar pack 1
What could be improved?	Some afternoon presentations too long and technical 8 Better attendance (wider invites) 7 More focussed questions for at-table discussions 5 More advance information about legacy management 4 Slightly later start time 2 Introductory overview to legacy management 1 Option to discuss more than one topic at tables 1 Prompt more debate in Q&A 1 Clearer objectives re what NuLeAF wants out of event 1
Future topics for NuLeAF events?	Key developments in nuclear legacy management 10 Case studies and best practice 5 Engaging and informing the public 5 Methods of stakeholder and community engagement 4 Interim ILW storage 4 Transport of wastes 4 SE impacts/initiatives 3 LLW policy and strategy 3 Potential for re-use/recycle 2 Linkage of issues to planning function 2 Site end states 1 Nuclear incident planning 1
Should future events be regional or national?	Both 22 Regional 14 National 2
Would a seminar fee prevent attendance?	No 20 Yes 8
What would be the maximum appropriate fee?	£200 1 £100 8 £60-70 1 £50 3 £15 (just cover costs) 2
Would you be willing to participate in NuLeAF Officer Groups?	Yes 18

Annex 2: SLCs, Sites and Local Authorities

CATEGORY (SLC for NDA sites)	SITE	LOCAL AUTHORITIES	MEMBER	LEVEL OF CONTACT
Sellafield Ltd	Capenhurst	Chester City Council	Yes	Regional seminar Nov 06 Questionnaire return Sept 06
		Cheshire County Council	No	
	Sellafield	Copeland BC	Yes	SG Regional seminar Nov 06 Questionnaire return Sept 06
		Allerdale BC	Yes	Questionnaire return Sep 06 SG occasional
		Cumbria CC	Yes	SG Regional seminar Nov 06 Questionnaire return Sept 06
	Calder Hall	As Sellafield		
LLWR SLC Ltd	LLWR	Copeland BC	Yes	SG Regional seminar Nov 06 Questionnaire return Sept 06
		Cumbria CC	Yes	SG Regional seminar Nov 06 Questionnaire return Sept 06
Springfields Fuel Ltd	Springfields	Preston City Council	Yes	
		Fylde Borough Council	Yes	Regional seminar Nov 06 Occasional SG
		Lancashire CC	Yes	Regional seminar Nov 06 Questionnaire return Sept 06 SG
Magnox South Ltd	Berkeley	Stroud DC	No	In Sedgemoor initiative
		Forest of Dean DC	Yes	
		Gloucestershire CC	No	
	Bradwell	Maldon DC	Yes	Regional Seminar Oct 06 Sedgemoor initiative
		Essex CC	Yes	Regional Seminar Oct 06 SG
	Dungeness	Shepway DC	Yes	In Sedgemoor initiative
		Kent CC	Yes	Regional Seminar Oct 06
	Hinkley Point	Sedgemoor DC	Yes	Sedgemoor initiative
		West Somerset DC	Yes	In Sedgemoor initiative
		Somerset CC	Yes	Regional Seminar Nov 06 Questionnaire return Sept 06
	Sizewell	Suffolk Coastal DC	Yes	Regional seminar Oct 06 SG Sedgemoor initiative
		Suffolk CC	Yes	SG
Magnox North Ltd	Oldbury	South Gloucestershire DC	Yes	Regional seminar Nov 06
		Gloucestershire CC	No	
	Trawsfynydd	Snowdonia National Park	Yes	Regional seminar Nov 06
		Gwynedd CC	Yes	Questionnaire return Sep 06 Regional seminar Nov 06
	Wylfa	Isle of Anglesey	Yes	Questionnaire return sep 06 Regional seminar Nov 06
Research Sites Restoration Ltd	Harwell	Vale of White Horse DC	Yes	
		Oxfordshire CC	Yes	Questionnaire return sep 06
	Winfrith	Purbeck District Council	Yes	Questionnaire return Sep 06 Regional seminar Nov 06
		Dorset CC	Yes	Questionnaire return Sep 06 Regional seminar Nov 06
British Energy	Dungeness	As above		
	Hartlepool	Hartlepool BC	Yes	SG

	Heysham	Lancaster City Council	Yes	
		Lancashire CC	Yes	As above
	Hinkley Point	As above		
	Sizewell	As above		
MoD	Aldermaston	West Berkshire DC	Yes	SG (former)
	Plymouth	Plymouth City Council	Yes	Questionnaire return Sep 06 Regional seminar Nov 06