

The long-term management of radioactive wastes – the role of Local Government

LGA/NuLeAF Conference

Thursday, 6th September 2007

Local Government House
Conference Centre
Smith Square
London SW1



who should attend?

- leading members / chief executives
- leading members for planning, economic development and environment
- leading officers for planning, economic development and environment
- leading officers responsible for community involvement

Background

In October 2006, the UK Government and Devolved Administrations published their response to the recommendations of the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management:

This accepted that “geological disposal, coupled with safe and secure interim storage is the way forward for the long-term management of the UK’s higher activity wastes”.

The response stated that “Government is not seeking to impose a geological disposal facility .. on any community”. Instead, the Government is committed to seeking a solution based on a partnership approach.

Government has been in discussion with the LGA’s Nuclear Legacy Advisory Forum (NuLeAF) about what such an approach might mean in practice. These discussions are informing the development of a draft ‘implementation framework’ and ‘outline repository development plan’, which Government intends to consult on in the second half of 2007.

The consultation will raise many questions of interest to local government, including:

- Who will be invited to participate in the siting process for a geological repository?
- How should local decisions about whether to participate be taken?
- In areas that participate, what partnership arrangements should be put in place?
- What are the potential impacts of hosting a geological repository?
- What benefits will be available to host communities?
- How will the siting process interact with planning requirements?
- What right of withdrawal would a participating community have?
- What are the roles of the NDA, Environment Agency and CoRWM?

The conference – timed to coincide with Government consultation – will address these key questions and enable participants to discuss the local government response.

Speakers include

- **Ian Pearson MP**, Minister of State for Climate Change and Environment, DEFRA
- **Robert Jackson**, Leader MRWS Implementation Planning Group, DEFRA
- **Bruce McKirdy**, Repository Technical Director, Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
- **Clive Williams**, Policy Development Manager, Environment Agency
- **Harald Ahagen**, Project Local Competence Building, Municipality of Osharshamn
- **Fred Barker**, Executive Director, NuLeAF

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The morning programme

9.15 – 10:00	Registration and coffee
10:00 – 10:10	Chairman's welcome and introduction
10:10 – 10:40	Overview of the Government's Approach Ian Pearson MP <i>Minister of State for Climate Change and Environment, DEFRA</i>
10:40 – 11:10	Key aspects of the Implementation Framework Robert Jackson <i>Leader MRWS Implementation Planning Group, DEFRA</i>
11:10 – 11:30	Refreshment break
11:30 – 12:00	The Outline Repository Development Plan Bruce McKirdy <i>Repository Technical Director, Nuclear Decommissioning Authority</i>
12:00 – 12:30	Question and Discussion Panel Session
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch

The afternoon programme

	Chairman's introduction to the afternoon session Cllr Paul Bettison , <i>Chairman, LGA Environment Board</i>
1:30 – 2:00	The Role of the Regulators in Repository Siting Clive Williams , <i>Policy Development Manager,</i> <i>Radioactive Substances Regulation, Environment Agency</i>
2:00 – 2:30	The Role of the Municipality in Sweden Harald Åhagen , <i>Expert, Project Local Competence Building (LKD), Municipality of Oskarshamn,</i> <i>Sweden</i>
2:30 – 3:00	The Local Government Perspective in the UK Fred Barker , <i>Executive Director, NuLeAF</i>
3:00 – 3:30	Question and Discussion Panel Session
3:30 – 3:35	Chair's summary and conference close <i>Refreshments available on departure</i>

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