

Meeting:	NuLeAF Steering Group, 7 July 2008
Agenda Item:	5
Subject:	Low Level Waste Strategy Development
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Purpose:	To report on developments

Introduction

There are two annexes to this report:

- comments on the NDA's draft topical strategies for LLW management (submitted in accordance with discussion at the last SG meeting); and
- an update note for the meeting of NuLeAF's LLW Officer Group on 24 June.

The update note includes reference to:

- news on LLW management at specific sites
- the meeting of the NDA LLW Strategy Group on 19/20 June
- a meeting with NDA on 9 May about community benefits

A further verbal update will be given at the SG meeting.

Recommendation

That the Steering Group agrees that case studies re the development or potential development of LLW facilities at specific sites (focusing on community and local authority involvement) be prepared for publication on the NuLeAF website.

ANNEX 1 Comments on draft LLW Topical Strategies



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ANNEX 2 Extract from Update to LLW Officer Working Group, 24 June 08

a) News from sites

Hinkley Point: application for LLW disposal facility on hold, pending clarification of business case and NDA LLW strategy.

Springfields: contingency plan for on-site VLLW disposal developed in case permission for landfill extension (Clifton Marsh) not granted.

Dounreay: SEPA has indicated that an application for a LLW disposal facility at a location close to the Dounreay site can now proceed.

Other updates to be reported verbally at meeting. *It is suggested that NuLeAF should prepare case studies re the development (or potential development) of LLW facilities at specific sites (including community and local authority involvement) for publication on the NuLeAF website.*

b) Report from NDA LLW Strategy Group (LSG) meeting, 19/20 June

The last meeting of the Officer WG considered the NDA's approach to LLW Strategy Review and draft 'topical strategies'. Subsequently NuLeAF submitted comments (as attached to the minutes of the last meeting).

The main points from the meeting of the LSG on 19/20 June are:

- NDA is updating the LLW 'baseline' (inventory of wastes and management facilities).
- NDA is reviewing bids for contracts which will assess the scope for greater use of metal recycling, incineration and VLLW disposal to landfill. A summary of findings will be reported to a future meeting of the LSG.
- NDA is reviewing the feedback on the topical strategies and will bring revised versions to a future meeting of the LSG.
- NDA is preparing a scoping report for a SEA related to the development of LLW strategy. The scoping report will be issued for comment over the summer.

- NDA will examine the best way of capturing and promoting good practices (*NuLeAF should propose that this include good practices re community and LA engagement*).
- There is widespread recognition within the group that stakeholder confidence issues are critical to strategy implementation (and that proposals for new facilities are likely to lead to requests for associated community funds).
- NDA will review suggestions for establishing LSG sub-groups eg on stakeholder confidence and linkage to the commercial waste industry (*NuLeAF should support the setting up of these two groups*).

The future meetings of the LSG are on 14/15 August, 13/14 November and 26/27 February.

c) Report from meeting with NDA on community benefits, 9 May

Following discussion at the Officer WG about promoting a framework for community benefits, FB and KR met with NDA officials on 9 May to discuss the proposals. The initial view from NDA is that it would not be appropriate or possible to develop a framework which anticipated the provision of community funds for all types of radwaste facility. The meeting discussed the possibility of a selective approach, based on the provision of community funds for radwaste management facilities that:

- are a departure from Business As Usual
- fulfil a clear strategic need and
- secure significant cost savings.

A further meeting with NDA is being arranged to explore the scope for developing a joint approach, prior to a meeting with Government which is likely to take place in early August.

d) Article in Waste Planning

An article highlighting that all waste planning authorities should address radwaste management in their MWDFs was published in early June (see [Waste Planning article](#)).