

NULEAF LOW LEVEL WASTE OFFICER WORKING GROUP

DRAFT note of the meeting held on 28 April 08, LG House

Present:

Fred Barker	NuLeAF
Peter Day	Oxfordshire CC
David Davies	Copeland BC
Richard Evans	Cumbria CC
Barry James	Somerset CC
David Palk	Suffolk CC
Mark Woodger	Essex CC

1 Note of the Meeting on 26 February

Except for a spelling mistake ('Sacks'), the note of the meeting on 26 February was agreed as an accurate record and would be placed on the NuLeAF website.

FB reviewed the actions. He reported that:

- The actions on the briefing paper for planners had been carried out, including publication on the POS website and an article in 'Waste Planning'.
- The actions on the briefing paper on community funds had been carried out. FB and KR would be meeting with NDA on 9 May to discuss the proposed framework and would report back to the meeting in June.

2 Update on Developments at Specific Sites

RE reported on developments associated with the LLWR near Drigg in Cumbria. Discussions were still underway about the 'delivery vehicle' for the Community Fund (possibilities include setting up a community interest company, a charitable company limited by guarantee, or a partnership venture).

DP reported on discussion about the possibility of the disposal of VLLW from Sizewell to landfill.

There were no significant developments at other sites to report. The application to develop a LLW disposal facility at Hinkley Point appeared to be subject to further delay.

3 Report from the First Meeting of the NDA LLW Strategy Group

FB had circulated three papers in advance of the meeting:

- 'Process for Developing a UK Nuclear Industry LLW Strategy', NDA, NWMS/G/008, April 08
- 'Topical Strategies for LLW Management', NDA, NWMS/G/XXX, April 08
- 'Extract from Report to NuLeAF Steering Group on the NDA LLW Strategy Group, 22 April 08.

On the strategy process, the Working Group wished to highlight the importance of:

- sustainability appraisal
- engagement with the LA planning community and timely consideration of the ‘where’
- early community engagement (which needs to start in advance of specific applications being made).

On the topical strategies, the Group endorsed the high level comments in the extract from the report to the NuLeAF Steering Group. It also wished to highlight:

- the need for recognition of the practical implications of the proposals in the topical strategies and the enormity of the task in terms of building community confidence, particularly in relation to the use of incineration, re-cycle and landfill;
- the importance of the local authority planning function, including development of appropriate policies in Minerals and Waste Development Frameworks, and early engagement and close liaison in managing the planning application process; and
- the need for an integrated and holistic approach that pays due regard to developments and best practice in conventional waste management.

ACTION: it was agreed that FB should respond to the NDA’s request for comments on the topical strategies, based on points made during discussion in the Working Group.

[The response is attached as an annex to this note of the meeting. This response also took account of points made at the NuLeAF Steering Group meeting on 30 April.]

Future Meetings

The next meeting of the group is on 24 June.

ACTION: FB agreed to canvass for future dates when the schedule for NDA LLW Strategy Group meetings is known.

Annex: Comments on Topical Strategies



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