

<b>Meeting:</b>	NuLeAF Steering Group, 15 July 2009
<b>Agenda Item:</b>	9
<b>Subject:</b>	Future Meetings and Seminars
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<b>Purpose:</b>	To report on future meetings and seek nominations as appropriate

## **Introduction**

This report outlines arrangements for:

- The next meeting of the Strategy Review Group (SRG) in Manchester on 9 September
- The SG and AGM in London on 15 October
- The CARL workshop in West Cumbria between 20-21 October
- A proposed NuLeAF seminar on case studies in radwaste management and planning

## **Recommendation**

That the Steering Group:

- 1 Encourage attendance at the SRG on 9 September
- 2 Identify nominees to attend the CARL workshop on 20-21 October
- 3 Delegate authority to the Executive Director to make the necessary arrangements for the seminar on case studies in radwaste management and planning

## **Contribution to Achieving Strategic Objectives**

The meeting of the SRG will review existing strategic objectives and make recommendations to the AGM for strategic objectives for 2010. Discussion at the SRG about potential synergies between new nuclear build and legacy management will also contribute to greater openness and transparency about the interactions between the two.

Discussion at the CARL workshop will provide insights that will help ensure that the approach to siting a Geological Disposal Facility based on voluntarism and partnership is successful in practice.

The proposed seminar would provide further encouragement to waste planning authorities to develop policy in Minerals and Waste Development Frameworks on the management of LLW (and VLLW) in their area.

## **1 Strategy Review Group**

The next meeting of the SRG is on 9 September in Manchester Town Hall. The meeting will have a two part agenda:

- The NDA has been invited to share its thoughts on potential synergies between new nuclear build and nuclear legacy management. The SRG can then review whether it would be appropriate to recommend to the Steering Group (SG) that further work be undertaken on this issue.
- A review of progress towards achieving NuLeAF's strategic objectives for 2009, and identification of objectives to recommend to the AGM for 2010.

Members of the SG are encouraged to attend the SRG meeting. Please let the secretariat know if you are able to attend.

## **2 SG and AGM**

The SG and AGM are being held on 15 October at the Strand Campus of King's College, London.

Invitations for nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair will be made in the next issue of the e-bulletin. The procedure for nominations and elections is as follows:

- a councillor from any contributing member authority may be nominated for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair;
- candidates may be nominated by any member authority, and should be seconded by another member authority;
- any nominations should be submitted in writing to reach the NuLeAF secretariat before 5.00pm on Monday 12 October 2009;
- if any position is contested, voting cards will be issued to the nominated delegate from each contributing member authority represented at the AGM;
- in the event of the need for an election, candidates (or their nominee) will be asked to make a 2 minute presentation to the AGM in support of their candidature;
- voting will be by secret ballot and each ballot will eliminate the candidate with the least votes; and
- the AGM's advice will be sought in the event of a tied vote.

## **3 CARL Workshop**

As explained in the annex to this report, NDA and LLWR Ltd are sponsoring an international CARL workshop between 20-21 October in West Cumbria. The workshop will provide a major opportunity to discuss nuclear legacy management with colleagues from local communities in other countries. The formal agenda is focusing on four themes: updates on international programmes; regeneration and development opportunities; how to make technical issues open and accessible; and opportunities for promoting interactions between local stakeholders from different countries.

The workshop is being held at Energus in West Cumbria, and will be a mixture of presentations, plenary panel sessions and discussion groups. An optional site visit will be organised to the Low Level Waste Repository near the village of Drigg in West Cumbria on the 22 October.

NuLeAF has been invited to identify 3-4 nominees. The Executive Director will attend and other expressions of interest are invited.

#### **4 Proposed Seminar on Case Studies in Radioactive Waste Management and Planning**

Feedback from the seminars on LLW Strategies suggested that a future seminar should focus on activities undertaken by local authorities on radioactive waste management.

It is proposed, therefore, to organise a seminar that focuses on case studies in radioactive waste management and planning. The morning session could consist of case studies on the approach taken to radioactive waste management in Minerals and Waste Development Frameworks and Regional Spatial Strategies. The afternoon session could look at case studies in development control. Possibilities might include the approach taken to planning applications for the metal treatment plant in West Cumbria and to the disposal of LLW to a landfill site in Northamptonshire.

It is recommended that the SG delegate authority to the Executive Director to make the necessary arrangements for the seminar in late 2009 or early 2010.