

Meeting:	NuLeAF Steering Group, 19 April 2007
Agenda Item:	11
Subject:	ISOLUS
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Purpose:	To report on developments in the Ministry of Defence ISOLUS programme

Background

The MoD continues to convene an ISOLUS Steering Group and NuLeAF participates together with representatives from the NDA, BNG, Scottish Exec, NII, CoSLA, Lancaster University, and NGOs.

The October Steering Group finalised its new terms of reference and discussed a siting strategy (for the management of radioactive wastes arising from decommissioned nuclear powered submarines). It recognised that its approach to siting would need to be consistent with Government policy on radioactive waste management as a whole. It also needs to take account of past ISOLUS consultation recommendations and NDA ILW strategy.

Workshop, 8 February 07

The workshop was held on 8 February to seek views from a range of stakeholders on how to:

- Ensure the most suitable means for maintaining stakeholder involvement as the project proceeds
- Build on the work and learning accrued so far
- Conduct independent assessments of initiatives and outcomes from stakeholder involvement
- Provide a conduit for advice to the MoD ISOLUS Steering Group concerning stakeholder involvement in the project

A 'core proposal' before the workshop was:

"To set up a mixed, broadly representative group to act as a sounding board for the MoD Steering Group and project team, including giving feedback on content proposals and advising on stakeholder involvement processes."

The core proposal was agreed by the workshop.

Future Meetings

A further meeting will take place on 15 May to finalise proposals for the Advisory Group. The ISOLUS Steering Group meets the following day. Both meetings will be attended by the Project Officer.