

NuLeAF Radioactive Waste Planning Group

Note of the meeting held on 8 December, 2010 at the London School of Economics.

1. Attendance:

Fred Barker	NuLeAF
John Bennett	Dorset County Council
Emily Butcher	Hampshire County Council
Catherine Draper	NuLeAF
Gillian Ellis-King	South Gloucestershire Council
John Prosser	Kent County Council
Phil Watson	Northamptonshire County Council
Mark Woodger	Maldon District Council

Apologies:

David Palk	Suffolk County Council
Adrian Dyer	West Somerset Council
Kerry Rickards	Sedgemoor District Council
Doug Bamsey	Sedgemoor District Council
Peter Day	Oxfordshire County Council
Richard Conway	Purbeck District Council
Richard Evans	Cumbria County Council

2. Note of the meeting of 8 September, 2010.

The Note was agreed and will be posted on the NuLeAF website

Action: CD

3. Matters Arising

A table of actions had been circulated prior to the meeting.

8/09/2010 item 5 – still awaiting response from BE regarding wet/dry fuel store

All other actions completed.

4. Update on national developments in radioactive waste

A note setting out updates on national developments had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It covered the following:

4.1 The need for improved engagement between NDA and local authorities

The general view was that SSGs do not provide an effective mechanism for briefing and engaging local authority officers. After discussion it was agreed that it would be helpful for NuLeAF to convene 'strategic level' meetings between local authorities, site operators and NDA on an appropriate geographic basis. It was suggested that further soundings could be taken at the seminar in March. FB will draft more detailed proposals.

Action: FB

4.2 Proposed strategy for LLW management from the Non-Nuclear Industry

DECC had launched the consultation on the draft strategy for the management of solid LLW from the non-nuclear industry – documents had been circulated the day prior to the meeting. FB will take a draft response to the SG in January and agreed to circulate preliminary comments to the group before Christmas.

Action: FB

Feedback on preliminary comments should be sent to FB.

Action: ALL

DP had asked in advance of the meeting whether RE would be willing to act as POS representative on the NDA's LLW Strategy Group (which was being re-named the LLW Programme Delivery Group). FB agreed to ask RE.

Action: FB

4.3 Geological Disposal Facility

GEK queried what evidence there was of progress being made. FB agreed to forward his informal note of the first meeting of the Geological Disposal Implementation Board to GEK for information.

Action: FB

4.4 New build

FB asked whether any members would be submitting comments on the revised draft Nuclear National Policy Statement. GEK thought it would be helpful to circulate draft comments for feedback from the Group. This was agreed.

Action: ALL

DECC launched two consultations on 7 December – revised funded decommissioning guidance and updated waste transfer pricing methodology for Higher Activity Wastes. Closing date is 8 March. FB will circulate draft response in papers for the SG meeting on 25 January.

Action: FB

4.5 Submarine Dismantling Project

Second stage SEA consultation was launched on 6 December. Two sites have been provisionally shortlisted for dismantling operations – Devonport and Rosyth. No further site specific assessment will be carried out on storage sites until the MoD and NDA ILW storage strategies have been developed further.

5. Update on local developments

Essex: Bradwell has been selected for accelerated decommissioning. Planning permissions have been granted for a small ILW building and other facilities. GEK asked what the basis was for selecting Bradwell (and Trawsfynydd) for acceleration. FB agreed to seek clarification about the reasons.

Action : FB

Hampshire: Members have approved the production of a single DPD “Minerals and Waste Plan” in 2011. Questions regarding VLLW and LLW will be addressed. The plan will be site specific and will include LLW policies. Work is continuing on the specialised waste study. PW suggested it would be appropriate for HCC to consider a local route for disposal of ash from the incineration of LLW at Fawley, rather than see it transported to King’s Cliffe in Northamptonshire.

South Gloucestershire: Oldbury is likely to stop generating in 2012. The Hearing in Public for the Joint Waste Core Strategy for the West of England concluded on 23 November. GEK did not think that it covered radioactive waste issues and thought this might need addressing during review. FB suggested that the discussion of radioactive waste management and spatial planning in NuLeAF Briefing Paper 19 should be helpful ([BP19](#)).

Kent: Their Issues and Options consultation contained a section on VLLW and LLW. Responses were received from Northamptonshire CC and Magnox South. FB had also submitted comments.

Dorset: The initial target for final decommissioning of Winfrith had slipped from 2017 to 2048. The site continues to be used. The issue of planning permission for the use of on-site facilities for treating wastes from other sites remains to be resolved.

6. King’s Cliffe Inquiry

The King’s Cliffe Inquiry had now concluded. It was hard to predict the outcome. The Planning Inspector is due to report by 21 February and the Secretary of State make his decision by 24 May, 2011. There was some discussion as to at what point the document would become public. CD to clarify.

Action : CD

PW noted that in effect the SoS will have to decide whether KC can become a national facility. He explained that NCC had proposed a condition to limit the amount of LLW that might be disposed to the site. Agreement had not been reached with the developer. The Inspector was expected to take a view.

The draft NuLeAF Case Study was approved subject to the amendment of dates in light of new information and the addition of the closing statements to the references.

Action : CD

If the Inspector's report is not going to be available until late May, it was agreed that it would be useful to produce a draft NuLeAF Briefing Paper as outlined in the note circulated in advance of the meeting. PW agreed to provide FB with some notes on his suggestions.

Action : PW

7. Potential revisions to BP16 on the use of planning obligations

It was noted that a judgement about whether it was appropriate to lobby for a more strategic approach depended in part on progress in discussions about community benefits and new build. FB will seek an update from Sedgemoor DC about their approach.

Action : FB

It was agreed that the scope of revisions to BP16 outlined in the note circulated in advance of the meeting was appropriate.

PW agreed to provide the King's Cliffe S106 agreement for reference.

Action : PW

8. NuLeAF seminar on 22 March

The proposed objectives, target audiences and programme were agreed. GEK suggested that a seminar pack include example of local planning policies on radioactive waste management.

Action: FB/CD

9. Advice on seeking an amendment on Use Classes Order

A note for noting was circulated prior to the meeting.

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 10 March, 2011, 12.30 to 3.30, Room G34, Senate House, Gower Street, University of London.

11. Any other business

None.