



Regulation, strategy and stakeholder engagement

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NuLeAF: Our aims

- Identify, where possible, a common, local government viewpoint on nuclear legacy management issues;
- represent member authorities, in discussion with Government, the NDA and the regulators;
- seek to influence policy and strategy for nuclear legacy management in the interests of affected communities;
- develop the capacity of member authorities to engage with nuclear legacy management at a local level.

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Permitting and Regulation

- Clear understanding of the role of the EA/NRW and ONR
- Appreciation on the interaction of permitting and planning processes
- Understanding of BAT and how alternatives are considered
- Safety issues and risk reduction
- Regulators influence on key issues through new guidance e.g. decay storage, on site disposal, etc

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Low level wastes

- Working with NDA to develop strategy
- Seeking to develop new approach to engagement
- New guidance on planning/Duty to Co-operate
- Build capacity of local authorities in plan development
- Keen to see more directed approach to LLW management –on or near site options etc

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UK LLW Strategy

- Strategy addresses most of the main issues:
 - Application of the waste hierarchy
 - Proximity principle
 - Commitment to engagement
- But reality not always in line with aspiration
- ESC for LLWR crucial
- Need for new disposal routes
- Exploration of decay storage and other innovations

NORM

- Potentially significant impact on LLW management
- Uncertainties in waste arisings – difficult to estimate impact on nuclear LLW management and on capacity of landfill
- Kings Cliffe – only option for some wastes
- Need for:
 - Enhanced data if possible
 - Provision of infrastructure



Looking Forward: GDF

- New policy due for announcement over summer
- Certain that local authorities will again have a central role
- How can we encourage councils to enter into the process?
 - Internal awareness raising and capacity building
 - Right framework – community benefits etc
 - Proper engagement of communities and process for community consent

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Looking Forward: Other

- Co-location and interim storage
- Strategy III
- HAW Strategy
- NORM Strategy
- Revised LLW Strategy
- LLWR Environmental Safety Case
- Community benefits
- Submarine Dismantling Project (SDP)

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