

Meeting:	NuLeAF Steering Group, 15 October 2014
Agenda Item:	6
Subject:	Service Plan 2013-15 Update
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Purpose:	To update members on progress with the actions set out in the NuLeAF Service Plan 2013-15 not covered elsewhere

Introduction:

This paper covers progress in all the main areas set out in the Service Plan, excluding those for which a separate paper has been provided. It includes:

- Update on the Submarine Dismantling Project (SDP)
- Meeting with Low Level Waste Repository Ltd on Very Low Level Waste/Low Activity Low Level Waste (VLLW/LALLW)
- Submissions to consultations by Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) and Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)

Recommendation:

This report is for noting.

Contribution to 2013/15 Service Plan:

This report provides a note of progress against areas of the Service Plan, enabling members to assess the extent to which NuLeAF is delivering against the objectives set.

1. Update on the Submarine Dismantling Project (SDP)

NuLeAF continues to participate in SDP Advisory Group. Documentation is being prepared ahead of the announcement of the shortlist of sites for the construction of an interim store to take the Intermediate Level Waste produced from dismantling the nuclear submarines currently laid up at Devonport and Rosyth dockyards. The announcement is expected later in the year and will be followed by public consultation, including a series of workshops at each candidate site.

2. Meeting with LLWR on VLLW/LALLW

As part of NuLeAF's research on the Duty to Co-operate, a number of recommendations were made concerning the management of VLLW/LALLW. The aim of these recommendations was to ensure better engagement between the industry and local authorities, in line with the commitments set out in the LLW Strategy.

A central recommendation was that an annual meeting be held between LLWR, Site Licensee Companies, relevant supply chain representatives and waste planning authorities. This would provide a strategic overview of LALLW/VLLW operations for the next 12 months and would cover landfill disposal, incineration and metal treatment.

Following discussion with LLWR and NuLeAF's Radioactive Waste Planning Group (RWPG) it has been agreed to convene the first of these meetings on the 14th November in Manchester. Starting in 2015 it is intended that this meeting will be held in June of every year.

It is hoped that this new engagement will help address an issue that has been of major concern to some local authorities.

3. Submissions to consultations by ONR and SEPA

NuLeAF has recently submitted responses to consultations by (a) ONR, on its Strategy 2015-2020, and (b) SEPA regarding the management of radioactive wastes from Hunterston B and Torness. The consultation responses are available on the NuLeAF website.