

Radioactive Waste Management: making communities heard Strategy III and the Geological Disposal Facility siting process

NuLeAF Seminar

30 September 2015 from 11.00 – 3.30

Local Government House, Smith Square, London

Why should you attend?

At the core of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority's (NDA) mission is the clean-up of sites and the development of a Geological Disposal Facility for the UK's higher activity wastes.

The **NDA Strategy**, reviewed and updated every 5 years to comply with The Energy Act 2004, underpins all the work of the organisation. **Strategy III**, due for publication in April 2016, will set out the NDA's Strategy for the completion of its decommissioning mission. Consultation on the draft Strategy gets underway this autumn. Against a backdrop of severe constraints on public finances, how can we ensure that Strategy III meets the needs of communities?

The **Geological Disposal Facility (GDF)** White Paper, published in July 2014, reaffirmed the Government's commitment to the identification of a 'volunteer' host community for the GDF. Proposals are being refined at present. How can local authorities ensure that the approach taken is workable and delivers the maximum economic, social and environmental benefits?

Key questions include:

- What role should each tier of local government have in taking any local siting process forward?
- How should the community be heard throughout the process, and how should any final test of public support be undertaken?
- How should the substantial funds available for community investment be managed?

The NuLeAF seminar is the largest local authority event on radioactive waste management. It offers the chance to understand and engage with NDA and Government on Strategy III and the GDF siting process, both of central concern to local government.

Who should attend?

- Local authority elected members and officers with an interest in nuclear issues, planning, economic development, communities and the environment.
- Representatives from government, regulators, operators and the supply chain

Costs

NuLeAF contributing members – 2 free places, additional delegates £50 each
NuLeAF corresponding members - £50 per person
Other organisations - £100 per person

Registration

To register for this event email:
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Programme

10.30 Registration and coffee

11.00 Welcome and introduction: *Cllr Brendan Sweeney, Vice-Chair, NuLeAF*

NDA Strategy III

11.05 Strategy III and local authorities: *Sara Johnston, Head of Strategy Development, Nuclear Decommissioning Authority*

11.25 Break-out sessions

12.25 Feedback from break-out groups and plenary discussion

12.45 Lunch

Geological Disposal Facility Siting Process

1.15 Proposals for Geological Disposal of Higher Activity Wastes: *Bruce Cairns, Head of Geological Disposal, Department of Energy & Climate Change*

1.45 Break-out sessions

2.30 Feedback from break-out groups

2.45 Plenary discussion

3.15 Overview of the day: *Phil Matthews, Executive Director, NuLeAF*

3.25 Closing remarks: *Cllr Brendan Sweeney, Vice-Chair, NuLeAF*

3.30 Finish