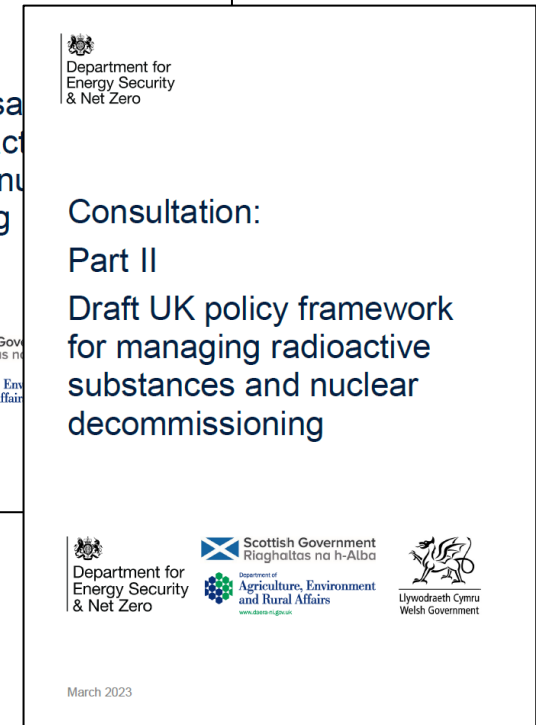
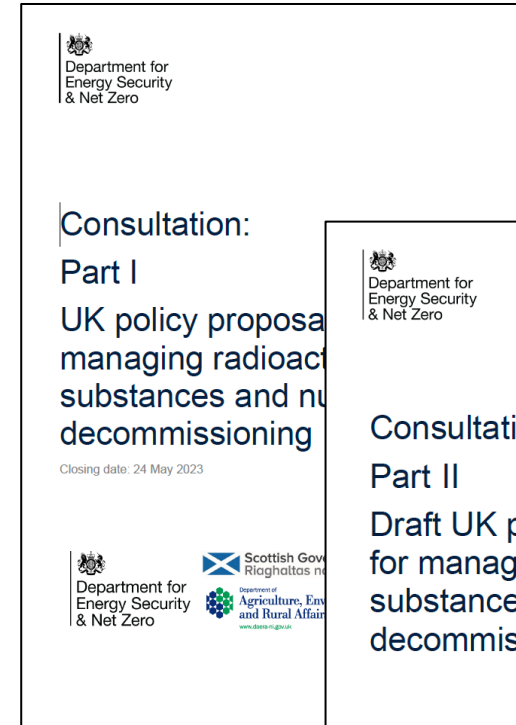


Policy consultation

Draft UK Policy Framework for [Managing Radioactive substances and Nuclear Decommissioning](#)

- 12 week consultation
- Closing date 24/05/2023
- Citizens Space
- RSNDPolConsult@beis.gov.uk





Why update?

- Command 2919 – 28 years old
- Devolution in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland
- Nuclear Decommissioning Authority formed (2005)
- Office for Nuclear Regulation formed (2011)
- Upcoming AGR decommissioning
- Fragmented policy landscape



- Update and consolidate
- Single point of reference
- Set government expectations



Policy proposals

- Draft only subject to the outcome of the public consultation
- Proposals
 - To take a risk informed approach to disposing of all solid radioactive waste across the whole of the UK;
 - Allow disposal of less hazardous intermediate level waste in near surface disposal facilities
 - On site disposal of suitable demolition waste
 - Extend the application of the waste hierarchy
 - Updated nuclear decommissioning policy with a greater emphasis on building decommissioning into designs
 - Updated Spent Fuel management policy
 - Uranium management policy

- Should the draft proposals be taken forwards they will:
 - allow for greater innovation and lead to earlier and more cost-effective nuclear decommissioning with around £1 billion of savings.
 - make it easier for regulators, delivery bodies and industry to navigate the policy landscape
 - bring greater consistency to the management of solid radioactive waste across the UK.
 - deliver more effective management of solid radioactive waste.
 - help clean up high hazard sites such as Sellafield more quickly.

Consultation Questions: Part 1

1. Do you agree with the proposal to require the application of a risk-informed approach as a decision-making framework for the management of all solid radioactive waste? Please provide the reasoning behind your response.
2. Do you agree that application of the waste hierarchy should be an explicit requirement for the management of all solid radioactive waste where practicable? Please provide the reasoning behind your response.
3. Do you agree with the proposed amendment to current policies on geological disposal to remove the requirement that all ILW be disposed of in a GDF? Please provide the reasoning behind your response.
4. Do you agree with the proposed policy framework to facilitate the development of near surface disposal facilities by the NDA for the disposal of less hazardous ILW? Please provide the reasoning behind your response.
5. Do you agree that the policy of the UK Government and devolved administrations should promote the use of on-site disposal of radioactively contaminated waste from the decommissioning of nuclear sites, subject to environmental permits? Please provide the reasoning behind your response.
6. Are there any further improvements that we might consider in relation to the proposed update of nuclear decommissioning and clean-up policy? Please provide the reasoning behind your response.
7. Do you agree with our proposed updates to the policy statement on the management of spent fuel? Please provide the reasoning behind your response.
8. Do you agree with our proposed policy statement on the management of uranium? Please provide the reasoning behind your response.

Consultation Questions: Part 2

Radioactive Sources

1. Do you think that the draft policy statements on radioactive sources accurately reflects existing practice and regulation? Please provide the reasoning behind your response.
2. Do you have any suggestions on how to improve this chapter on radioactive sources? Please provide the reasoning behind your response.

Liquids and Gases

3. Do you think that the draft policy statement on radioactive liquid and gaseous discharges accurately reflects existing policy, practice and regulation? Please provide the reasoning behind your response.
4. Do you have any suggestions on how to improve this chapter on radioactive liquid and gaseous discharges? Please provide the reasoning behind your response.

Managing Solid Radioactive Waste

5. The solid radioactive waste policy set out above includes existing policy and policies that would be implemented if the proposals in Part 1 are taken forward. Do you agree that the policy statement captures all relevant policy on managing solid radioactive waste?
6. Do you have any suggestions for how this chapter on managing solid radioactive waste could be improved? Please provide the reasoning behind your response.

Nuclear Decommissioning

7. The nuclear decommissioning policy set out above includes existing policy and policies that would be implemented if the proposals in Part I are taken forward. Do you agree that the policy statement captures all relevant policy on nuclear decommissioning?
8. Do you have any suggestions for how this chapter on nuclear decommissioning could be improved? Please provide the reasoning behind your response.

Import and Export of Radioactive substances

9. Do you think this chapter on the import and export of radioactive substances accurately reflects existing policy, practice and the regulatory framework? Please provide the reasoning behind your response.
10. Do you have any suggestions on how to improve this chapter on the import and export of radioactive substances? Please provide the reasoning behind your response.

Managing Spent fuel and Nuclear Material

11. Do you agree that the policy covers everything you would expect it to regarding managing spent fuel and uranium? We are not currently seeking views on plutonium management policy.
12. Do you have any suggestions for how the policy statements on managing spent fuel and uranium could be improved? Please provide the reasoning behind your response.