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Welcome

Here is a summary of topics discussed at the recent Nuleaf Steering Group meeting, forthcoming meeting dates and other items we hope will be of interest.

Dates for your diary

Two online meetings have been organised to address issues of interest to Nuleaf members. On Monday, 27th March, 11.00 – 12.30 to discuss the review of NDA's **Local Economic and Social Impact Strategy**, and on Thursday, 30th March 10.00 – 12.00, there will be the opportunity to discuss



the review of the **UK's Radioactive Waste Policy** with central government. We also expect to look at proposals for near-surface disposal of Intermediate Level Waste at this meeting.

The next meeting of the Radioactive Waste Planning Group will take place online on Thursday 27th April 2023, 10.00 – 12.30. As part of this meeting we will be joined by Simon Boniface of NDA to discuss their proposed Code of Practice on determining the time and pacing of decommissioning. This group is open to officers from all member authorities.

If you wish to attend any of the above meetings, please contact catherine.draper@nuleaf.org.uk

CoRWM is holding an online Open Plenary session on Tuesday 21st March 10.00 – 12.00. The meeting will include a presentation from Stefan Mayer, Head of Disposal Team at IAEA on global status and guidance towards implementing geological disposal. The meeting is being held both in-person and online, to register contact corwm@beis.gov.uk.

Nuclear Transparency Watch (NTW) is a European network that promotes a citizen watch on nuclear safety and transparency. They have two webinars coming up which may be of interest to Nuleaf members.

9 March 2023 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm: Transparency and Public Participation In Radioactive Waste Management - the Danish case by **Niels Henrik Hooge** (NTW/NOAH).

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5839111387>

13 March 2023 from 13:00 am to 14:00 pm: IRSN dismantling: informational webinar by **Yves Lheureux** (Director of ANCCLI)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5839111387>

If you wish to register to receive notification of future webinars go to <https://tally.so/r/3jZP1Q>



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Nuleaf Steering Group update

Discussions took place at the Steering Group meeting held on 7th March regarding a possible closer working relationship between Nuleaf and the New Nuclear Local Authorities Group (NNLAG). Points were raised regarding the common ground between the two groups, but some had concerns regarding diluting Nuleaf's focus on legacy waste management, and the need to ensure Nuleaf aligns with its major funder's remit. The meeting agreed that any steps taken towards closer working should be taken slowly and incrementally, but that the topic should remain under review.

At the request of members, a meeting will be organised on the topic of Advance Modular Reactors (AMRs). This technology has the potential to be deployed outside nuclear licensed sites and used for industrial purposes. This could impact on a far greater number of local authorities than currently have a nuclear licensed site within their area. Details of the meeting will be circulated in due course.

It was announced that Catherine Draper will be retiring from Nuleaf on 31st May 2023 after 15 years with the Nuleaf secretariat. Nuleaf is very grateful to Catherine for all her service over many years.



UK Government

Andrew Bowie has been appointed the UK's first Minister for Nuclear and Networks. His remit includes existing nuclear power stations, decommissioning and geological and oversight of the NDA.

UK Government and the devolved governments have opened a consultation on proposals for a revised UK-wide policy framework for nuclear decommissioning and the management of radioactive substances, including radioactive waste. It's been 25 years since the overall policy has been updated and there are now new challenges for nuclear decommissioning and radioactive substances management across the UK, new structures and responsibilities in place, and new advances in waste management techniques. Nuleaf has organised a meeting with the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero which will be held online on 30th March. A draft response will be prepared and circulated to members for comment. We would also encourage members to submit their own response. The consultation closes on 24th May 2023.

One NDA

Magnox has created a new website for its Site Stakeholder Groups. Resources include a calendar of meeting dates, high level information on each site including key priorities for 2023, and a link to information on the Magnox socio-economic fund.

A joint statement has been issued by the NDA, the US Department of Energy, Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL), the French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission (CEA) and the French National Radioactive Waste Management Agency (ANDRA) affirming their commitment to continue their collaboration on the successful decommissioning and remediation of legacy nuclear sites and the safe management of their radioactive waste to ensure the protection of present and future generations and the environment in their respective countries.

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