

<b>Meeting:</b>	NuLeAF Steering Group, 22 June 2006
<b>Agenda Item:</b>	9
<b>Subject:</b>	Programme of Regional Seminars
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<b>Purpose:</b>	To propose a programme of regional seminars on nuclear legacy management

## 1 Introduction

This report proposes a series of regional seminars on nuclear legacy management for local government officers. It is suggested that the seminars should be 2 day events, focussing on priority NDA issues (Day 1 – also see item 7) and implementation of policy on the long-term management of radioactive wastes (Day 2 – also see item 8).

The programme of seminars would provide opportunity to:

- brief local authority officers on key developments
- exchange information and learning about local authority initiatives
- raise the profile of NuLeAF in local government
- identify initiatives that NuLeAF can take to support member authorities
- identify local authority officers who can contribute to NuLeAF's work.

## 2 Programme Content

The following outline programme is proposed:

### DAY 1 NDA STRATEGY

- 1 Overview of NDA Strategy (plenary presentation by NDA, followed by Q&A)
- 2 Site End States (plenary presentation by NDA, followed by Q&A)
- 3 The Management of LLW and ILW (plenary presentation by NDA, followed by Q&A)
- 4 Socio-Economic Initiatives (plenary presentation by NDA, followed by Q&A)
- 5 Group discussions (facilitated and recorded by NuLeAF officers, and running in parallel)
  - a) Site End States
  - b) Management of LLW/ILW
  - c) Socio-Economic Initiatives
- 6 Reports to plenary
- 7 Way Forward (response from NuLeAF Executive Director)

The group discussions would seek to identify: what authorities are currently doing on the issue (including the role and effectiveness of SSGs); what authorities should be doing in the future; and how NuLeAF can help (provision of information, research, advice etc).

## DAY 2            IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY ON THE LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT OF HIGHER ACTIVITY WASTES

- 1      Overview of Government response to CoRWM's recommendations (plenary presentation by DEFRA, followed by Q&A)
- 2      Models of Local Partnership and Community Engagement (plenary presentation and Q&A – need to identify speaker)
- 3      Involvement and Community Packages (plenary presentation and Q&A – need to identify speaker)
- 4      The Siting Process and Planning Requirements (plenary presentation and Q&A – need to identify speaker)
- 5      Group discussions (facilitated and recorded by NuLeAF officers, and running in parallel) on each of the three topics in 2, 3 and 4
- 6      Reports to plenary
- 7      Way Forward (response from NuLeAF Executive Director)

The group discussions would seek to identify: what needs to be done to make arrangements work in practice; how local authority expertise can be bought to bear on the issue; and the role of NuLeAF and its member authorities.

Preliminary discussion with NDA and DEFRA officials indicates that both organisations are likely to respond positively to requests for speakers.

It is anticipated that start times on both days will enable most attendees to avoid incurring the costs of overnight accommodation.

### **3            Programme Organisation**

It is proposed that a rolling programme of regional seminars be organised, based on the areas of regional assemblies in England and Wales.

The table on the next page provides a breakdown of the regions, the counties they cover, and the number of NuLeAF member authorities and major nuclear sites in each.

<b>Region</b>	<b>Counties</b>	<b>Number of NuLeAF member auths</b>	<b>Major sites</b>	<b>Potential host authority/ies for seminar</b>
North West	Cheshire, Cumbria, Greater Manchester, Lancashire, Merseyside	19	7 sites [Sellafield, Calder Hall, LLW repository, Windscale, Capenhurst, Heysham, Springfields]	Copeland BC, Cumbria CC, Lancashire CC or Manchester CC?
East of England	Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Suffolk	17	2 sites [Bradwell and Sizewell]	Suffolk CC?
South East England	Berkshire, Bucks, East Sussex, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Kent, Oxfordshire, Surrey, West Sussex	11	4 sites [Aldermaston, Burghfield, Dungeness, Harwell]	West Berkshire DC or Kent CC?
South West	Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Somerset, Wiltshire	8	5 sites [Devonport, Winfrith, Berkeley, Oldbury and Hinkley]	Somerset CC or Dorset CC?
Wales	22 principal local authorities	6	2 sites [Trawsfynydd and Wylfa]	Gwynedd CC or Isle of Anglesey CC?
North East	Durham, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear, Yorkshire (parts of)	6	1 site [Hartlepool]	Invite member authorities to seminar in NW?
East Midlands	Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northants, Notts, Rutland	5	None	Invite member authorities to seminar in East England?
West Midlands	Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, West Midlands, Worcestershire	4	None	Invite member authorities to seminar in South West?
Yorkshire and Humberside	East Yorks, Lincs (part of), North Yorks, South Yorks, West Yorks	4	None	Invite member authorities to seminar in North West?
Greater London	NA	5	None	Invite member authorities to seminar in South East?

Given (a) the limitations of NuLeAF resources and officer time and (b) the concentration of NuLeAF member authorities and nuclear sites, it is proposed that seminars be organised in 5 locations, covering primarily:

- the North West
- the East of England
- the South East
- the South West and
- Wales

It is further suggested that:

- invitees in these five regions include: all local authorities, Regional Assemblies and Regional Development Agencies;
- invitees from the other regions (the North East, East Midlands, West Midlands, Yorkshire and Humberside and Greater London) be restricted to NuLeAF member authorities (as allocated to the five seminars in the table above);
- the primary target groups be: NuLeAF officer contacts, planning officers, officers involved in economic development/regeneration, and officers involved in community involvement initiatives and partnership schemes;
- target number of participants at each seminar should be 25-30 officers;
- host authorities be sought amongst NuLeAF members (see suggestions in table above);
- the seminars take place during October and November.

On the assumption that host authorities will be able to provide appropriate venues, it is suggested that a sliding fee scale be adopted:

- NuLeAF contributing authorities – no fee
- NuLeAF corresponding authorities - £25 per attendee per day
- Non-NuLeAF authorities - £50 per attendee per day

#### **4 Recommendations**

Steering Group comments on programme content and organisation (including locations and attendance fee) are invited.

It is recommended that the Steering Group authorise the Executive Director to take the necessary actions to organise the regional programme of seminars.