

**DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP
SITE OPERATIONS SUB GROUP**

DSG/SOSG(2009)M001

Minutes of the DSG site operations sub group meeting held on Wednesday 14th January 2009 at 1900 hours in the Pentland Hotel, Thurso.

Present:	Alastair MacDonald Donald Mackay Anne Chard Ian Clark * Ian Webster	DSG Chair Assoc of Caithness Community Councils Caithness West Community Council Dounreay Unions Buldoo Residents Group
In addition:	Simon Middlemas Stuart Chalmers Mark Cleminson * June Love	DSRL Managing Director NDA MOD, Vulcan DSRL, DSG Secretary

MINUTES

1. Welcome and introductions

Alastair MacDonald welcomed everyone to the meeting. In the absence of the sub group chairman Alastair chaired the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Tim O'Brien (sub group chair), John Deighan (Dounreay Unions), Bill Fernie (Highland Council), Nigel Canty (MOD Vulcan), and Lyn Bevington (NII).

3. Minutes of last meeting

DSG/SOSG(2008)M012 refers. On page 1, item 4, 1st paragraph after first bullet point should read "Stuart Chalmers noted that NDA action should be closed out." No further comment was made and the minutes were endorsed.

4. Progress on actions

There were no outstanding actions.

M017/A014: The Admin and Procedures sub group were considering representation for the site operations sub group.

M017/A018: Correspondence C230 provided information from DSRL on efficiency savings. The summary provided a mixture of efficiency savings and value for money delivery. It was noted that fee could be earned for the site dependent on the level of efficiency savings made.

Anne Chard asked if, for example, fuel prices reduced, could than be seen as an efficiency saving. Stuart Chalmers responded that this would be seen as a windfall and not an efficiency saving. For efficiency savings the site would have had to effectively have done something different to realise efficiency savings.

Alastair MacDonald noted that when this information had been requested the feeling was that some sites were not performing as well as others. Stuart Chalmers noted that the 3% efficiency savings were expected on all NDA sites.

5. **Vulcan update**

Mark Cleminson deputised for Nigel Canty.

Correspondence DSG(2008)C234 refers. Of note:

- The facility restarted at Christmas following some minor repairs. The plant shutdown again on the 29th and further repairs are being carried out. It is expected to be back up and running in the next few days.
- A planned shutdown will take place in February.
- No events of note since last meeting.
- Next emergency exercise is scheduled for 17th June. A planning meeting will take place next week.

The NII (DSG(2008)P002) and DNSR (DSG(2008)P003) reports were noted. No issues were raised.

6. **Dounreay update**

DSG(2008)P095 refers. Simon Middlemas provided an update. Of Note:

- The criticality laboratory was demolished which was a credit to everyone who had worked to achieve this. 20,000 airline suit entries were undertaken and doses were kept to a minimum.
- Health and safety record was good right now but the site strives to ensure this continues.
- The site was also on time to deliver environmental improvements.
- Shetland Island Council had requested a presentation on the site's decommissioning programme. Including waste and fuel. The presentation was also likely to cover NDA strategy.

It was suggested that the DSG should invite the NDA/DSRL to provide the same presentation at the next DSG meeting (scheduled 18th March).

ACTION: DSG/SOSG(2009)M001/A001: SECRETARY TO PUT NDA/DSRL PRESENTATION ON NEXT FULL DSG AGENDA.

- The NaK Disposal Plant (NDP) at DFR continues to make progress and it is expected to restart the plant, following approvals, in February.
- Contractor, Nuttalls, is up for an international award for the work done on the shaft isolation project.
- DSRL's application for the low level waste disposal facility was granted by the Highland Council on 13th January. This now goes to Scottish Government for approval by ministers.
- Training Department had moved into Naver. It continues to provide services to DSRL and is working with T3UK and the North Highland College to work

together.

Ian Webster asked what Article 37 was. Simon Middlemas explained it was a required document if an operation carried out on site could potentially have an adverse effect on countries within the European Union.

- The emergency planning zone is reducing to 1.15km reflecting the lowering of radiological hazard at Dounreay. All Buldoo residents would be included in the zone.

Anne Chard noted that the map was quite misleading unless it could be overlaid with Vulcan. Mark Cleminson said that Vulcan were also considering the reduction but this would take sometime to confirm.

It was asked whether the CNC (civil nuclear constabulary) would then consider a reduction in policing limits. Simon Middlemas noted that this was completely different and would continue. It was noted that speeding has reduced on the main road towards Reay, towards Shebster, since CNC had broadened the zone they worked in. Simon Middlemas said he would feed this back to CNC.

There was no NII report for this meeting.

7. **NDA update**

Stuart Chalmers provided a verbal update. Of note:

- Oldbury power station had received an extension to its operations. It was also possible that Wifyia would also receive an extension but this still had to be confirmed.
- The competition for NDA sites had now been announced. The competition team visited last week to hold initial dialogue so that a protocol could be worked up between NDA and the site, the site and the parent body organisation (PBO). The Dounreay competition would be the first where the incumbent contractor would also be part of the bidding process for the new contract.

Information would be made available to all preferred bidders at the appropriate time. It was expected that the competition would be run out of London and that a data room would also be made available.

An industries day would also take place for those considering taking part in the competition.

- NDA have requested to meet up DSG to discuss issues relating to sale of land. Anne Chard asked whether the money for the sale of land would go into a central fund. Stuart Chalmers responded that the person responsible would be able to respond to such questions. Ian Webster noted that the sale of land was not as simple as it seemed with issues that needed to be address such as the tenants right to buy and the like.

ACTION; DSG/SOSG(2009)M001/A002: SECRETARY TO PUT NDA SALE OF LAND ISSUES ON DSG AGENDA FOR APPROPRIATE MEETING.

8. **Any Other Business**

The chair noted the following:

- Draft response to NDA draft business plan. It was noted that this letter had been circulated by email prior to the meeting. The letter had been collated from comments from DSG members and the first draft had been commented on. No further comments were made at this meeting and the group agreed the letter could be submitted to NDA in response to its consultation on the business plan.
- DSG members had received an invitation to provide views on the relative importance of the assessment criteria to provide input for the all waste study that the site was currently undertaking. Members were reminded to discuss and complete the questionnaire with their respective organisations.
- DSG(2009)C001: Minutes of the Scottish sites meeting held on 30th October 2008 were noted. Members were invited to provide any comments or issues they would like to see raised at the next meeting which would take place on 30th April 2009.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

Alastair MacDonald
DSG Chairman

18th January 2009

ACTION LIST

ACTION ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

DSG/SOSG(2009)M001/A001: SECRETARY TO PUT NDA/DSRL PRESENTATION ON NEXT FULL DSG AGENDA.

DSG/SOSG(2009)M001/A002: SECRETARY TO PUT NDA SALE OF LAND ISSUES ON DSG AGENDA FOR APPROPRIATE MEETING.

ACTIONS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

No outstanding actions.