

DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP

HIGHLIGHTS FROM MEETING HELD ON 9th DECEMBER 2009

The Dounreay Stakeholder Group met on Wednesday 9th December 2009. Highlights of the meeting were as follows:

DSG matters:

- Councillor Steven Heddle (Orkney Island Council) and Rod Johnstone (Scrabster Harbour Trust) attended their first meeting.
- Reports on various meetings where DSG were represented were reported.
- The new website is now up and running – www.dounreaystakeholdergroup.org

NDA

- NDA Chief Executive Tony Fountain visited site and was pleased with the safety record and attitude of the workforce.
- The Caithness part of the competition industry event for the Dounreay site has now been confirmed as the 5th February.
- NDA are working with Government on the funding position under the Public Value Programme. Funding for 2010/11 is not affected. The PVP programme is expected to be complete by February 2010.

Dounreay Site Restoration Ltd

Environmental

- Progress on particle clean-up was reported and monitoring of Sandside beach resumed in November.
- Storage of re-usable material on site is subject to landfill tax and is designated waste following three years. *DSG agreed to write to those concerned raising concerns around this.*
- DSRL provided a short presentation on the site's discharge authorisation (presentation on website).
- The Environmental sub group received a presentation on the options of the site's draft heritage strategy. *All members are encouraged to discuss with their respective organisations and submit views*

Site operations

- Delivery and performance is good with 99% of the programme being delivered.
- DSRL has won the highest international safety award (Sword of honour) from the British Safety Council.
- Site is delivering £1.08 worth of work for every £1.00 spent.
- Management changes will take place over the coming months in readiness for site competition.
- NII have formally agreed to the routine operation of the DFR Nak Disposal Plant (previously been in active commissioning). Over 1/5th of the radioactive liquid metal has been destroyed.

- NII reviewing the background behind a low level contamination event at DFR and also some practices of waste packaging on the site.

Socio economics

- Update from Ronnie Johnston (DSG representative) on Caithness & NS Regeneration Partnership (CNSRP) Advisory Board.
- DSG will meet with Babcock International senior staff in January 2010.
- CNSRP reported that work was ongoing on the vision document and a programme for the high priority actions was being developed and would be available in the new year.
- The Chamber of Commerce noted that a meeting between them and the Crown Estates had taken place and follow up meetings would be organised.
- Pat Gallagher provided a brief update on Rolls Royce and their future plans.

Vulcan:

- The future programme for the site remains under consideration.
- The Shore Test Facility maintenance shutdown has been extended due to a mechanical problem.
- No safety concerns were raised from regulators following two inspections.
- A joint counter-terrorist exercise with DSRL was held in September.
- An annual exercise to demonstrate the site's response to an environmental threat from a spill was carried out in October.
- Preparations have started for annual emergency exercise which will take place in June 2010 (Lonestar 2010).
- The proposed reduction of the emergency planning zone is currently being reviewed by regulators.

Alastair MacDonald
DSG Chairman

10th December 2009

*Members are asked to ensure these notes are circulated to their respective organisation.
Full minutes of the meeting will be made available by the end of next week.*