

## HIGHER ACTIVITY RADIOACTIVE WASTE POLICY CONSULTATION

I am writing to inform you that the Scottish Government is consulting on the Detailed Statement of Policy for Scotland's Higher Activity Radioactive Waste. This Policy is needed by radioactive waste owners and producers to enable them to plan for the management of their higher activity radioactive waste now and in the longer term.

The Scottish Government's policy is to support long-term near surface, near site storage and disposal facilities so that the waste is monitorable and retrievable and the need for transporting it over long distances is minimal. The Detailed Statement of Policy provides definitions for the policy and **your views are sought by Friday 9 April 2010.**

Enclosed below are web-links to each of the following documents:

[Consultation Document](#)  
[Environmental Report](#)  
[Supplementary Information](#)  
[Respondent Information Form](#)

**If you wish hardcopies of these documents please email**  
[RadioactiveWasteTeam@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:RadioactiveWasteTeam@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)

The equality impact assessment is available at:  
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Environment/waste-and-pollution/Waste-1/16293/EqualityImpactAssessment>

These documents will allow you the opportunity to consider this important subject. We recommend that you read the Consultation in conjunction with the Environmental Report. The Supplementary Information document is to assist you in understanding the issues surrounding higher activity radioactive waste.

It is important that you complete the Respondent Information Form and return it along with your Consultation response.

The Consultation and supporting documents have been developed with input from stakeholders whose assistance has been very helpful. We will continue to engage with stakeholders during the consultation period.

I trust you will find these documents of interest and I look forward to receiving your comments.

Yours sincerely

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