

## **DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

This is the fifth year that the DSG has been operating and there has been a lot of work done during this time. Of note,

- Held four public meetings during the year.
- Sub groups have continued to ensure issues are progressed in a timely manner. Topics covered during the year include:
  - Admin & Procedures sub group:
    - Membership issues
    - Forward diary of meetings/events
    - Financial report
    - Website report
    - Attendance report
  - Site operations sub group
    - Safety
    - Site funding
    - Reduction in emergency planning zone
    - Lifetime plan
    - Site operational issues
  - Environment sub group
    - Low level waste
    - All waste options study
    - Heritage strategy
    - Particles project
    - Discharge authorisation
  - Socio economic sub group
    - Updates from CNS regeneration partnership
    - NDA's socio economic policy
    - DSRL's socio economic plan
    - High school improvements
    - Nuclear archives project
    - Skills and education
    - DSRL spin out projects
- The Community benefits working group have helped secure a community fund of £4M for the low level waste facility. The working group is still in existence and continues to work towards setting up a funding body who will oversee the distribution of funds. Currently documentation is going through due process before steps will be taken to set up the funding body. We expect to see this closed out this year.
- A working group of DSG was established to host part one of the NDA competition industry event which was held in Wick on 5<sup>th</sup> February. The second part which

took place in Glasgow was held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

- On behalf of our members a vote of thanks should be extended to NDA, DSRL, Vulcan, NII, DNSR and SEPA for their continued support with DSG.
- DSG were represented at the following Scottish/UK/international meetings:
  - Scottish Sites meeting in Edinburgh
  - Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances (SCORRS)
  - CoRWM workshop
  - Plutonium workshop (precursor to consultation)
  - Site Stakeholder Group Chair's forum
  - NDA National Stakeholder Group
  - National skills academy, nuclear award ceremony (Feb 09)
  - Cowam study on process of consultation for low level waste facility.
  - Scottish Government's higher activity wastes stakeholder workshops
- DSG representatives took part in:
  - Caithness Regeneration Conference, Oct 2009
  - Political party conferences (Scottish confs)
  - North Highland Regeneration Fund (throughout the year)
  - LEADER meetings (throughout the year)
  - Caithness & North Sutherland Regeneration Partnership (throughout the year)
  - Particles Retrieval Advisory Group (PRAG(D)).
- DSG responded to the following consultations:
  - HSE's consultation on the re-organisation of NII.
  - DSRL's all waste study
  - NDA's consultation on low level waste strategy
  - UK Government's Plutonium management
  - NDA's draft business plan 2010-11.
  - CoRWM's questionnaire on public and stakeholder engagement
- DSG continue to take a special interest in the socio-economics of the community and a number of issues relating to this which has been well reported throughout the year.
- There has been many changes over the year, most notably the sale of UKAEA Ltd to Babcock International. Changes will inevitably continue during the next two years while the site is in competition phase.

As Chairman, I would like to record my thanks to all DSG members (past and present) for their involvement in the group and for their support during the year.

This summary typifies the hard work and commitment of members to undertake, on a voluntary basis, the various activities noted in this report.

**Alastair MacDonald**  
**DSG Chairman**  
28<sup>th</sup> February 2010