

DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP

SUMMARY OF DSG MEETING HELD ON 16TH JUNE 2010

This document is a brief summary of the main topics discussed at the DSG on 16th June. Members should ensure that this information is cascaded to their respective organisations as soon as possible. Draft minutes of the meeting will be circulated shortly.

Admin and Procedures

- DSG(2010)P009, proposal to reformat DSG sub groups was tabled for discussion. It was agreed that a trial sub group meeting which combined the site operations and environment sub groups would be organised before final agreement is reached as to the effectiveness of combining these sub groups. The admin and procedures sub group would be renamed the DSG business meeting and membership would be the chair, vice chair and sub group chairs and would focus on key issues to be raised at DSG.

Site operations

- Vulcan remains shutdown.
- DSRL continues to deliver decommissioning to programme with 40% of the highest hazard on the site now destroyed.

Environmental

- Paul Dale, SEPA provided a briefing on the sampling of rabbits which had been a query raised at the sub group following review of the RIFE report. Paul provided a presentation which is now available on the website – DSG(2010)C056 refers.

NDA competition

- Two consortia had been identified for the NDA site competition – these are Babcock Dounreay Partnership (Babcock International, CH2MHILL and URS) and Caithness Solutions Ltd (AMEC/Energy Solutions). The dialogue process is expected to commence shortly although NDA were reviewing these dates due to the work DSRL is undertaking on the lifetime plan as a result of the funding levels set for the site.
- Discussion by DSG members centred on the socio economic criteria of the contract and the weighting which would be applied. Discussions have taken place with HIE, Highland Council and others regarding the socio economic criteria and members agreed at the meeting that DSG would write to NDA regarding the weighting of the socio economic criteria.

Socio Economics

- Updates were received from CNSRP, HIE, DSRL, NDA and the Caithness Chamber of Commerce.
- HIE undertook to provide information on the outcomes of the additional £12M funding.
- HIE undertook to develop a model on the economic impact and how this could be monitored and share this information with the DSG and CNSRP Advisory Board.

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 20th June 2010