

DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP

DRAFT WORK PACKAGE

DSG will be represented at this conference. This paper sets out the information to be gathered on behalf of the Dounreay Stakeholder Group.

**Societal Approaches to Nuclear Waste Management
Stockholm Conference 3-6th May 2011**

Background

Developing a socially functional process to manage the safe disposal of nuclear waste involve scientific, technical, social and political challenges. Stockholm Spring Talks – arranged by the Swedish Nuclear Fuel and Waste Management Company (SKB) – will bring together researchers with political and industrial decision-makers, representatives from municipalities as well as national and international organisations to engage in discussions about key aspects.

Issues to be address include:

- Responsibilities and roles at national and international levels
- The role of participation in formal decision making and representative democracy
- Factors of importance for public opinion
- Factors influencing trust building and loss of trust, organisation of participation and transparency
- Procedures for dealing with scientifically complex and controversial issues.

Following the conference SKB have arranged a visit to SKB installations in Oskarshamn – the interim storage facility for spent nuclear fuel and the Aspo Hard Rock Laboratory where research and testing are carried out in a real environment at 500 meters underground.

Draft Work Package for DSG representative

This could be in terms of a list of questions answered (that are relevant to our particular situation in Caithness).

1. Waste/fuels

- Study if there has been a benefit or not to an area if spent fuel goes offsite or is stored on the site where it was produced.
- Impact on the local economy, jobs vs money saving

- If negative impact on local area of fuel going – have any countries got compensation/benefit for this?
- Has there been benefit in kind instead? (eg rail or road upgrades)
- If waste stream type changes in a situation where benefit is already being paid, what happens in other countries?

2. Stakeholder participation

- Some sort of comparative analysis between levels of stakeholder participation in other areas compared to us.
- Some sort of comparative analysis with other areas on the success of local participation or the success of the different models of local participation.
- A list of methods other stakeholder groups used to ensure their participation wasn't sidelined when economic times got hard.

3. Contractual issues

- Study of other countries contractorisation experiences
- Do the site licence companies tend to keep up their socio economic support?
- Is it markedly less than state supported or non-contractorised sites?
- How have the areas with contractorised sites coped with any disbenefits of the process and ensured continued support?

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