



RESPONSE TO ONR's STRATEGY DOCUMENT

The Dounreay Stakeholder Group (DSG) is an independent body whose role is to provide public scrutiny of the Dounreay site and is represented by over 20 community organisations.

We welcome the opportunity to provide comment on your strategic document and make the following comments:

- The transformation of ONR from a civil service agency to an independent statutory corporation is a positive step forward. Once established it is important to ensure that all the different aspects of the new organisation, health & safety, security, transport, etc has a seamless joined-up approach to ensure value for money for the UK taxpayer.

ONR must ensure they have the necessary resources to ensure that the vision can be delivered in a way which does not over-stretch the existing employees. With new build now on the agenda for England and Wales one would suspect existing resources will be stretched and for the well-being of the workforce resources need to be adequately addressed.

- The focus on delivery appears to be a sensible way forward but it will incumbent on the organisation to show that the changes result in value for money.
- Stakeholder engagement will be equally important. For lay people who sit on Site Stakeholder Groups or indeed anyone who has an interest in the nuclear industry it is imperative that open, honest and transparent engagement is undertaken.

Laypeople look towards the regulators (both ONR and SEPA) to inform them on the serious nature of reported incidents on nuclear sites. These need to be put into context as media coverage can report incidents as a much bigger issue than they actually are.

- DSG would like to emphasise that there has always been a good working relationship between the Dounreay site inspector who has always made himself available for meetings or has responded to questions raised in a timely manner. We look forward to continuing with this working relationship.

Yours sincerely

Sent electronically without signature

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