

**Proposed Solid Low Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facilities at Dounreay
SEPA project update – Public Consultation expected March 2012**

The purpose of this communication is to update you on the current position regarding SEPA's role in relation to the proposed solid low level radioactive waste disposal facilities at Dounreay.

Dounreay Site Restoration Limited (DSRL) is the site licence company responsible for the decommissioning programme at Dounreay and has held the site licence since 1 April 2008. It operates under contract to the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA).

On 01 November 2010 SEPA received an updated application under the Radioactive Substances Act 1993 from DSRL for an authorisation to dispose of solid low level radioactive waste in the proposed new disposal facilities at Dounreay. This application is supported by an [Environmental Safety Case](#) (ESC 2010) which can be found on the [DSRL website](#), along with other supporting documents.

SEPA is currently undertaking a determination process which involves reviewing and assessing the application against all applicable legislation, regulation, policy and guidance. More detailed information on these can be found on the SEPA [website](#).

As part of the determination process SEPA will consult with members of the public and other interested parties. SEPA has already started consulting with the Health and Safety Executive, the Food Standards Agency and Scottish Government.

Following feedback from the Dounreay Stakeholder Group meeting in March 2009, SEPA has taken account of the views expressed and the public and other interested parties will be given the opportunity to comment on the draft authorisation that SEPA is considering issuing in response to the application. **This is expected to take place in March 2012.**

Excavation work has already started on Phase One of the vaults for the low level radioactive waste facility, the excavation and construction aspects are regulated jointly by the Health and Safety Executive and The Highland Council. SEPA has received applications from the builder for permits for non-radioactive waste and water related aspects of the project and these are being determined by the local Thurso office.

This communication is being distributed to the Buldoo Residents Group by post and to Dounreay Stakeholder Group, Rob Gibson MSP and John Thurso MP by email; it is also available on the SEPA website.

If you have any questions or comments please [email](#) the project team.

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