

DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP

HIGHLIGHTS FROM MEETING HELD ON 13TH JUNE 2012

New members

- Ross Mackenzie, Health Service
- Cllr Maurice Davidson, Orkney Islands Council
- Jean Lipa, Association of Caithness Community Councils
- Roger Saxon, George Farlow, Alex MacLeod and Willie Mackay, Highland Council
- Commander Ken Dyke, Vulcan
- Roger Hardy, Managing Director, DSRL
- Ian Miller, DNSR (for Vulcan)
- Peter Watson, ONR

Vulcan update

- Reactor operations continue as per programme.
- Exercise Lonestar will be held on 27th June 2012.
- Vulcan site has achieved 602 days without a lost time accident
- Rolls Royce has won new contract work in excess of £30M for submarine related work.
- Four new apprentices have been recruiting taking the total number of apprentices to 16.

Site Restoration update

- 11 weeks since Babcock Dounreay Partnership (BDP) took over new contract.
- One lost time accident had been recorded since the last meeting (a slip in the shower).
- Emergency exercise was cancelled in May and will be rescheduled for later this year.
- New organisation (secondees into DSRL) are now in place.
- The remediation of Landfill 42 is now complete.
- A project team is being mobilised to take forward the shaft and silo project.
- The number of ONR (Office for Nuclear Regulation) nuclear safety site inspectors has increased to four.
- SEPA would be consulting on Dounreay's decommissioning authorisation sometime in the summer.
- NDA pleased at progress being made through transition into the new contract and with the interaction between the site and regulators.
- The NDA Board visited Dounreay at the end of May and feedback had been positive.
- There was a discussion on what local benefits had been included in the contract for the encapsulation plant (contract recently awarded to Grahams Construction).

Socio economic update

- Berriedale Braes project is moving forward. A letter of comfort has been sent from Transport Scotland to NDA confirming this is a priority project.
- NDA has confirmed its commitment to building the National Nuclear Archives in Wick. Suggestion to go for outline planning now would be discussed with NDA project team.
- Dounreay Community Fund rules have been reviewed and are available on the website. The Fund will work more closely with Caithness & North Sutherland Fund (CNSF) to ensure there is no duplication of funding awards (both funds are provided by NDA).
- DSG members (along with representatives from the Caithness Transport Forum) will receive an invite to visit Georgemas when the railhead work is complete.

Presentations

Two presentations were provided:

- Nigel Lowe, NDA – Dounreay: The nature of the new contract and how it may impact the DSG.
- Roger Hardy, DSRL Managing Director – Decommissioning and socio economic commitments for the Dounreay site.

Bob Earnshaw
DSG Chairman
17th June 2012