

**DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP
HIGHLIGHTS FROM SEPTEMBER MEETING**

- Minutes of the June meeting were endorsed. These are now published on DSG's website – see [DSG\(2012\)M002](#).
- DSG review is ongoing. Recommendations will come forward to the November sub groups for discussion.

Vulcan

- Vulcan continues its maintenance programme on schedule.
- Rolls Royce has recently won a £30M contract based in Caithness.
- A further £1.1 billion contract has been awarded to Rolls Royce to deliver reactor cores for UK's nuclear power submarine fleet.
- Four new apprentices had recently been recruited taking apprentice numbers to 16.

Dounreay

- The site was recently awarded 5 stars for occupational health & safety and environment.
- The site's lifetime plan would be consolidated by December 2012. Emphasis for site decommissioning is starting to look at shaft and silo decommissioning.
- An update on the repair for WRACS (Waste, Receipt, Assay, Characterisation and Supercompaction) had been received (see [DSG\(2012\)C065](#)).
- A review of waste management had recently commenced. Reviews took place in 2003 and 2009) with input from DSG. Discussions will take place at the November Site Restoration sub group meeting.
- Off-shore particle clean-up project had been completed for this year. SEPA will be considering the forward monitoring programme for particles.
- ONR and SEPA have conducted a joint inspection of the site's transfer of DFR breeder fuel to Sellafield.

- DSG members had provided comment on the site's Socio Economic Plan 2012-2015. Revisions were being made and would be published shortly.
- The site was currently finalising a paper on staffing forecasts for the site decommissioning programme. The staffing numbers would be available in December and the information would be provided to agencies for planning purposes.
- A presentation on the site's phase 2 decommissioning planning application was provided. See [DSG\(2012\)C074](#) on website.
- DSG has written to Highlands and Islands Airport Ltd (HIAL) to offer support where appropriate in developing Wick airport.
- NDA were thanked for the funding made available to ensure the feasibility study for the Berriedale Braes could be undertaken. Highland Councillors (present at DSG) were asked to investigate when Transport Scotland planned to commence this study.
- A presentation on socio economic criteria within DSRL contracts will be made at the December DSG meeting.

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