

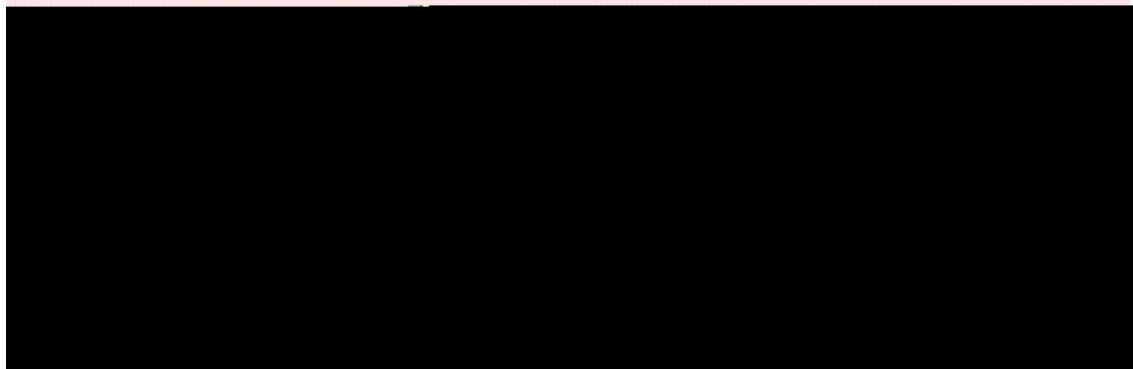
NDA Monthly Update

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- Funding secures grant scheme for Cumbrian businesses
- ILW storage options for Central and Southern Scotland
- Wylfa generation continues to 2014
- DECC report on geological disposal
- Magnox and RSRL competition formally launched
- MOP9 published
- NDA's Annual Report and Accounts available
- Britain's Energy Coast Blueprint published
- Oxide fuels decision
- Funding for Energy Island Project announced

Diary Dates



Grants for Cumbrian businesses

West Cumbrian businesses are invited to apply for grants from a new programme which could help create and safeguard more than 1,000 jobs and unlock £31 million of private sector investment. Supported by a £1 million contribution from the NDA, Britain's Energy Coast, the West Cumbrian economic development organisation, successfully secured £5.6 million of Regional Growth Fund from Government for the "Investing in Business" scheme. The programme is targeted at manufacturing, processing,

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Magnox and RSRL competition under way

The competition to appoint a new Parent Body Organisation for the 12 Magnox and RSRL sites is now formally under way. Almost 170 delegates, including potential bidding organisations, stakeholders, regulators and trade unions, recently attended a Bidder Conference in Manchester to hear details of the schedule as well as the NDA's expectations on progressing decommissioning at each site. Valued at £4-5 billion over the next seven years, the competition is one of the UK's largest public procurement exercises. SSG chairs and vice chairs have been invited to a socio-economic workshop, taking place on the afternoon of 30 October, immediately after the national stakeholder event. Those not yet registered should do so via their secretariat.

[Weblink: Competition information](#)

Magnox operating programme updated

The NDA, in conjunction with Magnox Ltd and Sellafield Ltd, has published the ninth update of The Magnox Operating Programme (MOP), the fourth to be published by the NDA. The MOP defines how the whole Magnox fuel cycle is managed and co-ordinated between the different sites, and covers fuel manufacture, electricity generation, fuelling and defuelling of reactors, and reprocessing of spent fuel. MOP 9 has adopted a flexible approach that takes account of different possible scenarios. Meanwhile, the NDA has also published its Magnox Fuel Strategy Position Paper which looks at strategic options for managing an

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the next 15 years; a period that could see the creation of more than 3,000 jobs as well as a significant boost to the local economy. The programme, launched in 2009, has seen around £25 million of public and private sector resources invested in regional economic regeneration activities, which has levered in a further £35 million to the area.

[Weblink: Energy Coast Blueprint](#)

Oxide fuel decision

The NDA has confirmed that contracts for the reprocessing of spent oxide fuels from the UK's AGR reactors, and those from overseas that remain in storage at Sellafield, will be continue to be completed through the THORP plant. Once reprocessing finishes in 2018, the plant will close prior to decommissioning. The decision follows a review of options to establish the most cost-effective strategy for managing the fuels associated with contracts which the NDA inherited when it was established in 2004. Any remaining AGR fuel, including any future arisings, will be placed into interim storage pending a decision to dispose of it in a geological disposal facility.

[Weblink: Oxide fuels](#)

New funding for energy project

Minister of State for Energy Charles Hendry has announced a new £480,000 NDA funding package for the Anglesey Energy Island Programme (EIP), a public and private- sector initiative to put the region at the forefront of energy research and development, production and servicing. During a visit to the island, the Minister also told Coleg Menai students and Wylfa power station staff that the nuclear industry had a positive future on Anglesey and within the UK, reaffirming the UK Government's commitment to new build. The programme, led by the Isle of Anglesey County Council, acts as a vehicle for employment growth and development opportunities.

[Weblink: Boost for energy initiative](#)