

NDA Monthly Update

December 2012

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Organisations invited to formal dialogue

Five global organisations have passed the first hurdle in the £multi-billion pound competition to take over the management of 12 historic nuclear sites. The NDA, which owns the sites, formally invited Bechtel/URS, the Babcock Fluor Partnership, CAS Restoration Partnership (CH2M Hill, Areva, Serco), AMEC/Atkins and EnergySolutions to take part in a period of dialogue after they successfully passed the pre-qualification stage. Valued at around £7 billion in total, the new contract represents one of the UK's largest public procurement exercises and will see ownership of Magnox Ltd and RSRL Ltd transferred to an organisation with the international skills and experience to take forward a complex long-term decommissioning programme.

[Weblink: Bidders named](#)

Event report published

The NDA has now published the report from the National Event for stakeholders, held in Manchester at the end of October. Approximately 80 delegates from all sectors gathered at the event, where a range of decommissioning topics were the focus of discussions.

[Weblink: National Event report](#)

Waste storage guidance launched

The NDA's guidance on storing Higher Activity Waste (HAW) has now been published and is available for all organisations involved in nuclear operations and decommissioning. The Industry Guidance for Interim Storage of HAW Packages was compiled over three years and addresses wide-ranging technical issues associated with both storing the packages and the stores. The process included 12 months of road-testing by waste producers before the recommendations were finalised.

[Weblink: Industry Guidance](#)

Capenhurst site transfer completed

The NDA has completed the transfer of its Capenhurst site, in Cheshire, continuing an asset disposal programme which has now brought in well over £1 billion for the UK taxpayer. Under the deal, Capenhurst Nuclear Services (CNS), a URENCO Group company, will take ownership of the land, combining with an adjacent site it already owns to create one nuclear licensed site. The asset use programme has already seen land at Wylfa, Oldbury and Springfields transferred to the private sector, raising revenue for the UK taxpayer, freeing resources for the core decommissioning mission and enabling inward investment.

[Weblink: Capenhurst transfer completed](#)

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Demolition work accelerated

The former nuclear power station Dungeness A is to receive £12.8 million over the next three years to speed up decommissioning and demolition work. The extra funding will allow the south side of the site to be cleared in around three years, rather than in 15 years as originally planned, providing a jobs boost to the local economy and reducing the overall cost of the project. The skyline of the site will be transformed dramatically as the 26-metre tall turbine halls are set to be demolished.

[Weblink: Funds boost demolition work](#)

Supply chain awards

Total dedication, absolute commitment and collaborative effort were the overriding qualities shown by the winners of the first-ever Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) Estate Supply Chain Awards. The awards recognise the importance of businesses both large and small to the nuclear clean-up mission, and a series of presentations were made at the second joint NDA Estate Supply chain Event, in Bolton, to the winners in three categories: Innovation, Going the Extra Mile and Collaboration.

[Weblink: Supply chain winners](#)

Engagement plan published

NDA has updated plans giving details of the opportunities for stakeholders to contribute to strategic decision-making. The opportunities include providing feedback on options papers or through the NDA's statutory consultations, as well meetings and events.

[Weblink: Engagement plan](#)

Committee examines Sellafield risk report

The Public Accounts Committee of the House of Commons held an evidence session in Cumbria, following a report from the National Audit Office about the management of risk at Sellafield. Among those giving evidence were NDA Chief Executive John Clarke and Sellafield Ltd Deputy Managing Director George Beveridge. The NAO report, which focused on major projects, recognised the unique nature of Sellafield, Europe's most complex industrial site, and the scale of the challenge. The NDA will continue to work closely with Sellafield Limited and NMP to improve capability and performance.

[Weblink: NAO report](#)

Latest edition of Insight published

The autumn edition of the NDA's news magazine Insight has now been published and is available for download from the website.

[Weblink: Insight Issue 10](#)

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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, engineering and fabrication businesses, with emphasis on nuclear, renewables and tourism.

[Weblink: Britain's Energy Coast](#)

ILW storage options

The NDA has published a Strategy Paper on options for Intermediate Level Waste Storage in Central and Southern Scotland. The publication of this paper is consistent with the NDA's Integrated Waste Management (IWM) Strategy, which supports consideration of centralised and multi-site approaches, if this brings benefits. A small number of credible options have been identified, which will be taken forward for further assessment. Stakeholders are invited to comment on these options by 5 October 2012.

[Weblink: Central and Southern Scotland ILW Storage Solutions - Credible Options](#)

Wylfa continues generating

Wylfa Power Station has been given the go-ahead to transfer fuel between its reactors, enabling electricity generation to continue until September 2014, almost four years beyond its original closure date. Following several independent reviews, the site has been permitted to continue using one reactor, transferring partially used fuel from its second reactor, which closed in April. The move was given approval by the Office for Nuclear Regulation and is supported by the Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC). Inter-reactor fuel transfer has already been used at Oldbury and has now been successfully trialled at Wylfa, which started generating electricity in 1971.

[Weblink: Wylfa continues generating](#)

DECC publishes second Annual Report on MRWS

The Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC) has published the 2nd Annual Report on its Managing Radioactive Waste Safely programme, which focuses on developing geological disposal in the UK. The report sets out the work being undertaken by the NDA's Radioactive Waste Management Directorate to deliver the Geological Disposal Facility (GDF), including stakeholder engagement, the development of site assessment criteria, international updates and work on options for accelerating work.

[Weblink: MRWS Annual Report](#)