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**DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP
SITE RESTORATION SUB GROUP**

DSG/SRSG(2013)M004

**Minutes of the DSG Site Restoration sub group meeting held on Wednesday 13th
November 2013 at 1900 hours in Pentland Hotel, Thurso (large lounge).**

To: Bob Earnshaw Thurso Community Council (sub group chairman)
 Deirdre Henderson Buldoo Residents Group
 Alan Scott Caithness Contractors Consortium
 Anne Chard Caithness West Community Council
 John Deighan Dounreay Unions
 Roy Blackburn DSG member
 David Broughton DSG member
 Tor Justad DSG member
 Cllr George Farlow Highland Council

In addition: June Love DSG Secretary
 Mark Rouse Managing Director, Dounreay (observing)
 Dyan Foss Deputy Managing Director, Dounreay
 Christine Lee DSRL, Site End State
 Nigel Lowe NDA, Head of Programme
 Cdr Ken Dyke Vulcan (MOD)
 Stewart Ballantine SEPA
 Peter Watson ONR (Dounreay)

MINUTES

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Bob Earnshaw welcomed everyone to the meeting. He noted that while Tor Justad had attending main DSG meetings this was his first meeting of the sub group. He also welcomed Mark Rouse, Dounreay Managing Director who was attending in an observer capacity.

Bob Earnshaw stated that CNC would now attend sub group meetings. Stephen Jack was the nominated representative and was unfortunately unable to attend this meeting. He also noted that Jim Williams would now be the ONR representative for Vulcan.

Before moving on he thanked Cdr Ken Dyke for organising a visit to Vulcan that afternoon. Those who attended had found the visit very useful.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

- David Flear, DSG Chairman
- Alastair MacDonald, DSG Honorary member
- Mike Favell, Health Service
- Cllr Willie Mackay, Highland Council
- Cllr Roger Saxon, Highland Council
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- Stephen Jack, CNC
- Jim Williams, ONR for Vulcan
- Marta Green, DSRL

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting – DSG/SRSG(2013)M003 – had been circulated in advance to members for comment. Bob Earnshaw reminded members that, while these minutes were circulated in draft to members for the DSG main meeting, any corrections to the minutes would be taken at the sub group meeting and then endorsed before being published on the website.

The minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting. This was proposed by Anne Chard and seconded by Alan Scott.

No issues were raised from the minutes.

4. STATUS OF ACTIONS

An update of the status of actions had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Of note:

- DSG(2013)M003/A001: David Broughton to draft a response to DECC's consultation on the siting of the GDF. **Action complete:** See DSG(2013)C053. See agenda item 8 for further discussion.
- DSG(2013)M003/A002: Nigel Lowe to provide an update on the derailment at Barrow once investigation report was finalised. **Action ongoing** – Nigel Lowe reported that the investigation report had not yet been finalised.

Tor Justad asked when the investigation report was expected. Nigel Lowe responded that he didn't have an exact date but that indications were it would take several months. Tor Justad asked if this was a normal length of time to complete such investigations. Nigel Lowe confirmed this was the case.

- DSG(2013)M003/A016: June Love to put higher activity waste on this agenda. **Action complete** – see agenda item 8 of these minutes.
- DSG(2013)M003/A028: Nigel Lowe to provide response to whether the site selection process for the GDF would include any interested parties from Scotland. **Action complete** – Nigel Lowe reported that NDA were not in the driving seat for this. If interested parties wished to express an interest the NDA would take this into account and respond according to Scottish Government policy.

David Broughton said that this was not the question he had asked– he wanted to know if there would be any stakeholder presentations held in Scotland relating to the GDF. June Love apologised for mis-interpreting the action and said she had received dates of stakeholder presentations for the GDF and would circulate these to members.

Action: DSG/SRSG(2013)M004/A001: June Love to circulate information regarding stakeholder presentations relating to the GDF siting.

- DSG(2013)M001/A012: June Love to request visit to Vulcan. **Action complete** – visit took place in the afternoon of the 13th November 2013.
- DSG(2013)M002/A009: June Love to invite Paul Dale to meeting to present findings of PRAG(D) report. **Action ongoing** – Stewart Ballantine stated that he had been updated on the progress of the report by Paul Dale. It was now expected that the PRAG(D) report would

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be available by the end of this year.

All other actions are being progressed via other sub groups.

5. VULCAN UPDATE

Bob Earnshaw noted that two papers had been provided relating to Vulcan as follows:

- DSG(2013)P019: Rolls Royce update, September 2013
- DSG(2013)P020: DNSR report for Vulcan

He noted that the positive press around the growth of Rolls Royce had been discussed at the socio economic sub group and there an action placed at that meeting to follow this up requesting further information.

Ken Dyke provided a verbal update. Of note:

- STF continues to operate to schedule.
- Workload was increasing on site looking at flask handling and fuel movement capability in preparation for the defuelling programme.
- Lonestar exercise had been carried out in the summer and had been deemed successful.
- A security exercise had been held in September and had also been a successful demonstration of the integration of the MOD police and Vulcan site personnel.

Deirdre Henderson stated that the Buldoo residents had found the MOD police to be polite and courteous.

John Deighan welcomed the recent announcement of Rolls Royce in relation to the increase of jobs coming to Caithness. He asked if there was any further information. Bob Earnshaw responded that there was an action to write to John Hook to seek further information.

Tor Justad stated he had visited the Vulcan site that afternoon and found it very useful. Everyone who they had met on site had been very open and had explained things very well. He noted the work being looked at with regards fuel and asked whether that fuel was also destined for Sellafeld and what the timescale was. Ken Dyke responded the defuelling programme was scheduled for 2016 onwards. At present there was no capability to move fuel from the site. Tor Justad asked whether the fuel would be transported by train. Ken Dyke responded that this was the current plan.

6. NDA UDPDATE

Bob Earnshaw noted correspondence recently circulated by the NDA. These were:

- DSG(2013)C052: NDA Site Stakeholder Group briefing, October 2013.
- DSG(2013)C046 and C059, both relating to the sale of NDA surplus land.

On the issue of the surplus land NDA had indicated that there was very little land around the Dounreay site that was affected although Bob acknowledged there would be some private discussions with current tenants. The Viewfirth site was also included in this and early discussions had taken place with the NDA regarding a potential community project. Further meetings were planned to discuss the community project in more detail.

Bob Earnshaw invited Nigel Lowe to provide an update. Nigel Lowe, NDA Head of Programme reported the following:

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- On the site's performance all milestones had been met to date with future milestones on target.
- At this stage, performance based incentives (PBIs) were being considered and agreed with NDA. Initial thoughts had been shared with DSRL. PBIs drive behaviour and there would be 6-8 of these set in terms of earning fee. Six of the eight PBIs would be based on the same themes as had been previously set for this year. It was expected that these would be finalised in January/February 2014.
- The security enhancement work was continuing and will continue into next year. Security enhancements are required across the NDA estate.
- On a national level, the decision to extend the Sellafield contract had been made giving NMP a further five year contract. This had been a major piece of work given that Sellafield make up 65% of NDA's spend. The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) had called the NDA's Chief Executive and representatives of DECC to a hearing where they questioned the extension of the contract among other topics. Following the hearing the NDA has gone back to the PAC to respond to questions and further clarify positions. The Sellafield Managing Director had now been invited to meet with that committee.
- The Magnox/RSRL competition was ongoing. Four consortia have provided presentations to the NDA and their bids had now been submitted. NDA personnel will now undertake a review of these bids and it is expected to announce the preferred bidder around March 2014 with the new PBO taking over the management of these sites around September 2014.

Roy Blackburn asked what type of contract would be awarded to the winner of Magnox/RSRL sites. Nigel Lowe responded that it would be a target cost contract modelled on the Dounreay contract with slight differences given the experience of the Dounreay contract.

Roy Blackburn asked whether a target cost contract had been considered for Sellafield. Nigel Lowe stated that the existing Sellafield contract was a cost reimbursable one and could not be changed given an extension to this contract had been awarded. To change this to a target cost contract would mean that the Sellafield site would need to be re-competed.

David Broughton asked whether the PBIs were subject to overall safety initiatives. Nigel Lowe responded that it did not cover all of them although safety also figures in a second form of performance measures through a balanced scorecard approach. He added that NDA hesitated in financially rewarding health, safety and environment because it was believed that this could drive reporting on the ground to ensure PBIs were met. He noted that safety was also their first priority and the PBO's contract could be terminated if there was a fatality on site.

- Two senior representatives of NDA were leaving the organisation. Jim McLaughlin (Human Resource Director) and Mark Lesinski (Chief Operating Officer). It was likely that the Chief Operating Officer would not be replaced on a like for like basis (the COO was currently responsible for site contracts).

Cllr George Farlow asked about the NDA surplus land. Anne Chard added that she had not been impressed by the level of information on the NDA website regarding the Dounreay land while in comparison there was more detail on other sites.

Deirdre Henderson added that, before the NDA took ownership of the land, all those who tenanted land were on the same level. This was not the case now. She was concerned that the report did not mention market land value. Nigel Lowe agreed to feed these comments back to NDA Property Manager.

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Cllr George Farlow stated that social justice was required with regards to the land issues. The law ensured there was a right to buy. He added that the Caithness and Sutherland local development plan currently out for consultation and it was crucial to ensure that agricultural land cannot be changed to industrial use.

Bob Earnshaw recognised, that for current tenants, there would be private discussions with the NDA and while he did not want to encroach on personal information he asked that if tenants felt there were being treated unfairly they could raise the issue with DSG to take forward.

It was agreed that DSG members would continue to keep a watching brief on this issue.

Deirdre Henderson stated that she would like to understand the land sales to other tenants, for example could she get some information on the LLWR near Drigg for comparison. Nigel Lowe responded that he would follow this up with the NDA Property Manager.

Nigel Lowe said that he would feedback these comments to the NDA Property Manager. He summarised the issues he would raise.

Action: DSG/SRSG(2013)M004/A002: Nigel Lowe to raise comments on surplus land to the NDA Property Manager in relation to lack of information on website, market land value, Caithness and Sutherland local development plan, boundaries of land, social justice and a comparison on what is happening on other sites (ie low level waste site near Drigg).

Tor Justad noted the comments on the extension of the Sellafeld contract and asked what improvements NDA were looking for. He added that he had been astounded that the contract was extended given the criticism of the PBO's performance. Nigel Lowe responded that the rationale to extend the contract was considered against the length of time it would have taken to re-compete the site and then getting a new company up to speed. The extension of the existing contract put more emphasis on getting work done to time and on budget. The biggest criticism was the constant cost and schedule slippage on some projects.

7. DOUNREAY UPDATE

Bob Earnshaw noted that DSRL had provided a written paper – DSG(2013)P025 refers. He invited Dyan to provide a verbal update. Dyan Foss noted:

- The modified reporting to DSG where she had attempted to streamline the information to ensure the report was not too cumbersome. She invited comments from members.
- All five milestones for this calendar year had been met with the final one being the handover of D1251 from decommissioning to demolition. Several of the milestones had been delivered ahead of schedule.
- Babcock Dounreay Partnership had been renamed Cavendish Dounreay Partnership and changes to signage on the site had been undertaken to reflect this.

David Broughton commented on the written report. He felt that there was not enough information provided. Alan Scott added that this had been discussed a number of times. At one stage a report was provided giving the high level project performance and schedule information.

Bob Earnshaw noted the information reported on scheduled performance and asked for an explanation. Dyan Foss responded that she felt that the information provided was more explicit than the graphical detail previously reported. Alan Scott added that he preferred the written explanation. Dyan Foss explained that currently the programme was on schedule but was a bit

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over on the cost estimate. The cost estimate was due to the reactor projects and issues with sodium and Nak optimisation with additional funding and resources going into these projects to support progress. On the subject of cost, £6.9M equated to change orders that were not in the baseline. Bob Earnshaw asked what this meant for the financial forecast for the end of the year. Dyan Foss responded that current estimates showed that there will be improvement and this will continued to be monitored over the new few months.

David Broughton restated that he felt the report did not give enough information. He felt that the report could provide information on the different areas, ie PFR, DFR, Shaft and Silo etc. Anne Chard also agreed that the report did not go into enough detail. Dyan Foss responded that she had attempted to highlight some of the site's accomplishments. David Broughton argued that if there was £6.9M increase because of projects it would be useful to see some detail in the report on what projects this was being spent on. Dyan Foss noted that there were two kinds of change orders – change against the original scope where the PBO bid against the client specification and change because some of the assumptions in the client specification were different or the strategy had changed. As an example, the recovery plan for reactors was because assumptions were wrong.

Bob Earnshaw suggested that the reporting format be brought up at the business meeting for discussion and agreement on the way forward.

Action: DSG/SRSG(2013)M004/A003: June Love to put format of DSRL report to DSG on business meeting agenda for discussion.

David Broughton noted that the DFR control room was being cleaned out and asked whether some of this equipment would be donated to a museum. Dyan Foss confirmed that this was the case.

David Broughton asked whether the integrated waste retrieval for the shaft and silo meant that the waste would be brought up in 'scoops'. Dyan Foss confirmed that this was correct.

David Broughton asked for clarity on 0.6 of a person who had recently retired. Dyan Foss responded that the person in question had been part-time.

David Broughton asked whether the shaft intervention contract awarded to Oxford Technologies was for a design and build contract? Dyan Foss responded that a concept had been provided to allow the company to design and build.

Roy Blackburn asked for clarity around the graph on safety statistics in the written report. Dyan Foss explained that the statistics now included CNC and this information had been included in the graph retrospectively.

Roy Blackburn noted that the site hoped to be in a position to receive low level waste into the new facility in 2014 but that this was dependent on the RSA authorisation. Stewart Ballantine responded that the current Dounreay site authorisation pre-dated the new LLW facility and did not allow for transfer of LLW to the new facility. In addition a number of requirements were placed on DSRL to ensure management systems were in place for the new LLW Facility that DSRL must satisfy before SEPA grant permission for that facility to receive waste. These requirements sit in the stand alone RSA authorisation granted for the new disposal facility and not as part of the Dounreay site authorisation. The timescales for providing this information to SEPA was in DSRL's hand, however SEPA have no desire to delay decommissioning on the site.

Tor Justad noted that DSRL had informed SEPA that it was their intention to cease monitoring for particles at Dunnet beach. He asked why SEPA were notified of the site's intention and what SEPA thought about this. He also asked what the collaborative procurement for particle monitoring was for. Christine Lee explained that Dunnet beach had been monitored since 2005

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where one particle (minor) was detected and subsequently two plastic items with low levels of activity. Since that time regular monitoring had been carried out and no further particles had been detected. Extensive discussions with SEPA have occurred prior to the formal notification of the reduction of monitoring at the Dunnet beach. On the collaborative procurement the Invitation to Tender for monitoring for particles would be a shared procurement between Sellafield and Dounreay and was for beach monitoring. Dyan Foss added that collaborative procurement allowed for value for money across the NDA estate. The Dounreay contract was coming to an end and Sellafield recognised they had a need for similar operations.

Cllr George Farlow suggested that given there was new members at the table it may be useful to request a short discussion on the history of the particles projects to ensure everyone was up to speed.

Action: DSG/SRSG(2013)M004/A004: June Love to include a discussion on the history of the particles project on the agenda for the next sub group meeting.

Bob Earnshaw invited Christine Lee to update the group on the progress of the site end state project. Christine Lee noted the following:

- Clean-up criteria for the site (referred to as DCGLs) have been developed alongside the regulators.
- Trials have commenced on the process for characterising the site and confirming clean-up criteria have been met on an area known as Zone 1B. Lessons learned from this exercise and feedback from the regulators will be used to develop the processes.
- The future landscape design for the site at IES is being considered. A landscaping design is required early to inform remediation work and material management on the site. It will also inform the Phase 3 planning application (a combined planning application for all site activities from 2018 to 2025. This is scheduled to be submitted in 2015. As part of the landscape design work is ongoing to trial different restoration materials and seed mixes. This work is being undertaken by ERI - the trials are currently being planned, will be constructed early next year and then monitored for a number of growing seasons.
- Options for the closure of the site's liquid effluent discharge system are being considered. Closure of this system is not scheduled until late in the programme, but the options assessment is being undertaken now to inform future planning.
- Fieldwork to collect samples in areas of farmland around the site has been underway over the past two weeks, and is scheduled to be completed next week. This has involved the use of a Geoprobe (mini-drilling rig) manned by DSRL staff to recover soil samples. These samples will be used to develop 'Offsite Environmental Reference Concentrations'.
- Fieldwork to collect soil samples in Zone 1b (PFR field) was completed in October. The analysis results obtained indicate that there are no contaminants of concern present above action levels, and work is progressing on the Zone Closure report for Zone 1b in consultation with SEPA.
- Two particles were found during beach monitoring. One relevant and one minor particle on Sandside beach.
- Framework contracts have been issued for asbestos removal and asbestos analytical support. Both frameworks include Scottish companies, the most local of which operates out of Inverness area.

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Bob Earnshaw suggested that the map of the site showing the zoning approach to decommissioning be re-issued to members as some were new to the group. This was agreed.

Action: DSG/SRSG(2013)M004/A005: June Love to provide Site Restoration sub group members with the site map outlining the zoning approach to decommissioning.

Roy Blackburn asked whether the clean-up criteria were equivalent to the delicensing criteria. Dyan Foss responded that the PBO's contract was to take the site to interim end state and did not include delicensing of the site. Stewart Ballantine clarified that the clean-up criteria had not been agreed as SEPA's remit did not allow for formal agreement at this stage. Feedback on the DCGL report has been provided and the approach that the site outlined in that report seemed robust. Peter Watson added that ONR were also involved in these discussions and there had been robust discussions between both regulators and the site which was still continuing. Christine Lee noted that agreement by regulators could only be granted at the end.

Roy Blackburn asked whether controls would be put in place around Zone 1B given that this area was now completed. Christine Lee confirmed that this would be the case.

David Broughton asked about the decommissioning of the effluent discharge system. He was unclear as to whether this was the old or the new system. Christine Lee responded that both systems would be decommissioned recognising that this was challenging given some of the services would be required right up to interim end state. It may be that some sort of temporary facility will be required or a different process used and that was being considered now.

John Deighan noted that the main admin block – D2003 – was due to be demolished. In socio economic terms there was a feeling that this building could be marketed to allow other companies to utilise it post Dounreay. Nigel Lowe acknowledged that he could understand why people felt this way but NDA's strategy for dealing with buildings was a decision made by the NDA Executive team. In the past Roger Hardy had taken this up with the NDA Executive but the decision had remained. The site was carrying out what the NDA had mandated them to do. Christine Lee added that the contract did have an ability to go back and revisit this decision. Dyan Foss stated that if this building was not demolished it would change the analysis of the end game. Bob Earnshaw noted that it was good to hear there was a clause that could change this. Nigel Lowe responded that this could only be considered if a robust business case was tabled as this would have significant impact on costs and the profile of the programme. He added that this would have to be an exceptional case.

Alan Scott felt that there had not been enough marketing carried out on potential re-use of site buildings. June Love noted that the Highland Council were about to launch a consultation on the Dounreay Planning Framework document and if members felt strongly about this they could feed comments back to The Highland Council. David Broughton noted that it was strange how things changed over time as he remembered past discussions when there had been a suggestion that this building should have been built off the licensed site.

Action: DSG/SRSG(2013)M004/A006: June Love to circulate The Highland Council's Dounreay Planning Framework 2 to member of the sub group.

Bob Earnshaw noted that an update had been provided on the Buldoo Resident meeting – DSG(2013)C060 refers. Deirdre Henderson noted that there was a comment on the frequency of meetings. June Love responded that this had been put on the agenda for discussion only to see how the Buldoo residents felt and whether they wished to reduce the number of meetings at this time given the construction of the new low level waste facility was coming to an end and that there would be an interval between this and the third vault being constructed. She emphasised that no decision had been made it was purely on the agenda to gain views from the residents. Deirdre Henderson said that things were getting worse at the moment with the proposed stone crushing and construction of the firing range. Stewart Ballantine stated that if Buldoo residents

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wished to discuss any of these issues with SEPA he would be happy to meet with residents. Deirdre Henderson agreed to make contact with Stewart to set up a discussion

SEPA update

Bob Earnshaw invited Stewart Ballantine to provide an update on behalf of SEPA. Stewart Ballantine noted that a written report had been provided – DSG(2013)P024 refers. He added the following:

- The variation to the authorisation had been granted for the new analytical labs. This did not impact on the overall site limits.
- Article 37 was an ongoing piece of work with the timeline being outside SEPA's control. SEPA had and continues to provide technical input to Scottish Government.
- As stated previously, a number of authorisation requirements must be satisfied before the new LLLW facility becomes operational.
- In relation to the site end state SEPA was currently producing new guidance and would, in time, be discussing this with DSRL. A lot of work on this is being undertaken on this project including input from SEPA's legal and hydrogeology specialists.
- The PRAG(D) report was expected to be finalised by the end of this year. The delay has been caused by those involved in this report looking at issues regarding contamination of a beach.

David Broughton noted the information regarding higher activity waste in SEPA's report in relation to the use of shielded packages. He asked what the key issues outlined by ONR and SEPA had been. Stewart Ballantine said he was not directly involved with this but would get a response outside the meeting.

Action: DSG/SRSG(2013)M004/A007: Stewart Ballantine to clarify what the key issues outlined by SEPA/ONR was with regard the use of shielded packages.

Peter Watson added that while the proposal made a lot of sense the site was still working through the details of the strategy. David Broughton had understood that the use of these packages was a foregone conclusion. Peter Watson responded that ONR would work with DSRL and SEPA to ensure that the implications were thought through. ONR would consider the safety case which would provide the justification for this when it was available.

Roy Blackburn asked whether DSRL was the lead site on use of shielded packages. Peter Watson believed this was the case.

Stewart Ballantine noted that SEPA had recently published the 18th RIFE report. June Love added that she had made copies of the relevant pages of the report which reported on Dounreay. She added that if any member wished to receive the complete report she would be happy to provide.

ONR update

A written report had been provided in advance of the meeting – DSG(2013)P020 refers. Peter Watson noted the following:

- An annual report had been published by the ONR Chief Nuclear Inspector. (Copies were made available to members). The report groups all UK nuclear sites under three priorities for

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future attention. Dounreay is considered to be a priority 2 site requiring enhanced attention, and this decision was because of the novel decommissioning challenges presented on the site and the nature of the radioactive inventory. The implication for ONR is that appropriate proportional resources can be applied to the challenge, resources which include a number of

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ONR would take if there was a nuclear materials transport incident.

8. HIGHER ACTIVITY WASTE

Bob Earnshaw noted that a presentation had been provided at the September DSG meeting on higher activity waste. He added that David Broughton was now the DSG representative on the Scottish Government's Higher Activity Waste Implementation Strategy group.

David Broughton provided an update. Of note:

- Slow progress was being made in developing the implementation strategy and in his opinion this was poorly resourced by Scottish Government.
- The policy published in 2011 informs the requirements. Key issues for the strategy is to do with centralised stores which can only move forward with Scottish Government's commitment.
- While the stores for decommissioning are mostly available no consideration has been given to the next generation of stores.
- When considering the implementation strategy, DSG responded to Scottish Government's consultation but this (and other responses) was not shared with the project team. This had been brought up and as a result responses had now been circulated to all members of the group. Relating to the DSG response, ONR had disagreed with the suggestion that a consultant should be employed to support Scottish Government in taking this forward but agreed with DSG's comments on the HAW inventory being well documented.
- Five work packages had been identified (WP1: Overview of Scottish HAW inventory; WP2: Overview of HAW in Scotland; WP3: Near surface waste compatibility; WP4: Responsibility to deliver and WP5: Regulatory issues. These work packages do not align with the work that CoRWM had advised.
- The next meeting would take place on 21st November.

DSG had also responded to DECC's consultation asking for views on site selection (DSG(2013)C053). Further consultation is ongoing. While site selection considers community volunteerism there are a number of anomalies in this thinking including the fact that communities will change over time and issues around land ownership.

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Alan Scott stated that the decommissioning operatives framework contract had indicated the requirement to train people. As part of the tender conditions it was indicated there would be a requirement to employ 5 apprentices. The three contractor companies involved carried out a lot of work with North Highland College to identify a suitable training programme and when presented to DSRL the level of training provided was not required. The contractor companies carried out two further re-iterations of their proposal. Alan noted that he had, in the past, personally worked with IAEA to try and develop a training regime to take operators to decommissioning operatives and develop vocational qualifications to the industry. He found it very difficult to understand how this could not be done on the Dounreay site. Dyan Foss responded that this was not the direction the site wanted to go and asked if Alan would discuss this further with her outside the meeting. This was agreed.

Action: DSG/SRSG(2013)M004/A009: Alan Scott and Dyan Foss to meet to discuss requirement for training decommissioning operatives.

Alan Scott also noted that the Caithness Contractors Consortium was being disbanded. Therefore his representative at the DSG could not continue. He thanked everyone for their co-operation over the years. Bob Earnshaw stated that he would put this on the agenda for the business meeting for further discussion before Alan's resignation was accepted. However he thanked Alan for his commitment and support to the DSG over the years and especially on the recent work carried out in developing guidance for socio economics in procurement. Alan Scott responded he had enjoyed his time on DSG. Cllr George Farlow also added his thanks to Alan's excellent contribution over the years.

Cllr George Farlow asked whether there had been any progress made by DRS in securing commercial contracts for rail freight. Nigel Lowe responded that nationally DRS had recently signed a contract with Tesco. With regards to Geogemas he was unsure as to any progress being made. June Love stated that Tom Curry was due to attend the Socio Economic sub group meeting but unfortunately could not attend when the date of the meeting was changed. He would attend the next sub group if available. Cllr George Farlow requested that Tom Curry was asked if there had been any progress made on a past discussion on creating a loop on the line to Inverness. June Love said she would ensure this was passed to the socio economic sub group to take forward.

Action: DSG/SRSG(2013)M004/A010: June Love to ask Tom Curry, DRS whether any progress had been made on creating a loop on the railway line to Inverness.

Peter Watson noted that the reorganisation of ONR was continuing and it was moving towards becoming a public corporation independent of the HSE and outside the civil service. Progress depends on the passage through Parliament of the Energy Bill, which is due to receive Royal Assent before Christmas.

There being no further business Bob Earnshaw thanked everyone for attending and formally closed the meeting.

Bob Earnshaw
DSG Site Restoration Sub Group Chairman
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DSG/SRSG(2013)M004/A003: June Love to put format of DSRL report to DSG on business meeting agenda for discussion.

DSG/SRSG(2013)M004/A004: June Love to include a discussion on the history of the particles project on the agenda for the next sub group meeting.

DSG/SRSG(2013)M004/A005: June Love to provide Site Restoration sub group members with the site map outlining the zoning approach to decommissioning.

DSG/SRSG(2013)M004/A006: June Love to circulate The Highland Council's Dounreay Planning Framework 2 to member of the sub group.

DSG/SRSG(2013)M004/A007: Stewart Ballantine to clarify what the key issues outlined by SEPA/ONR was with regard the use of shielded packages.

DSG/SRSG(2013)M004/A008: Peter Watson to clarify what action ONR would take if there was a nuclear materials transport incident.

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