

DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP

UPDATE REPORT FOR SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT SCOTTISH SITES MEETING

The Dounreay Stakeholder Group held its public meeting on Wednesday 21st September. Charles Stewart-Roper was in attendance from Scottish Government as was Bill Hamilton, NDA Head of Stakeholder Relations and Iain Davidson, ONR Inspector (Transport).

Operational topics:

- A presentation, followed by questions and answers, by ONR on the regulation of nuclear transport. The following discussion was a lively one. A number of follow up actions are now in place.
- Dounreay site management informed DSG members of a safety stand down as part of their ongoing continuous improvement in safety and environmental performance and also the final warning letters from SEPA on a previously reported issue regarding the discharge of Krypton-85.
- Positive updates from Dounreay site regarding the completion of major hazard destruction both with NaK and PFR raffinate.
- NDA has allocated additional funding for the Dounreay site (over and above site annual budget). This funding will be provided over a two year period.
- A number of organisational changes have been made to the management at site. DSG welcomes the opportunity to meet with new management members at the earliest opportunity.
- Updates on the future options for the Vulcan site has been provided to DSG. DSG community representatives have indicated a strong desire to input into all options before a final decision has been made.

Socio Economic topics:

- DSG pleased to see the progress on the Archives building and the fact that socio economic benefit was built into both construction and management contracts.
- Dounreay procurement process now includes a local benefit clause.
- Support to Caithness & North Sutherland Regeneration Partnership continues to deliver the high priority projects.
- Positive comments from North Highland College with regards working with site management to enhance the college's education offering.
- Recruitment of 10 new apprentices and 10 new graduates.

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DSG Chairman
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