

# NDA Monthly Update

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## Diary Dates

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| • Calder Hall's 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary     | October    |
| • 2016 NDA Estate Supply Chain Event, Manchester | 3 November |

### Essex County Council planning decision

Essex County Council has agreed to remove a planning condition barring Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) removed from other power plants being stored at Bradwell.

Plans to store packaged ILW from Dungeness A and Sizewell A at Bradwell are part of a wider strategy that could save the taxpayer £200 million across the Magnox fleet. The NDA and Magnox will continue to work closely with stakeholders as plans are progressed.

### Bradwell decontamination milestone

The NDA welcomes Magnox Ltd's successful decontamination of more than 10,000 square metres of walls, floors and ceilings at the Bradwell site. The complex clean-up, which covers an area similar to a rugby field, followed 4 years of hard work after draining and stabilising the spent fuel ponds in 2012.

[Weblink: Bradwell decontamination milestone](#)

### Japanese Ambassador visits Dounreay

NDA welcomed the opportunity to share decommissioning progress at its most northern site with the Japanese Ambassador to the UK. His Excellency, Mr Koji Tsuruoka was joined by Mr Yosuki Ishigami from the Economic Section of the Japanese Embassy and Mr Daisuke Matsunaga, Consul General of Japan in Edinburgh as they visited Dounreay during a two-day visit to the north of Scotland as a guest of Dr Paul Monaghan MP.

[Weblink: Japanese Ambassador visit](#)

### Panorama

NDA and Sellafield Ltd issued a joint statement in response to the Panorama programme which was broadcast in early September.

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### Sellafield safety awards

Sellafield Ltd has recorded one of its best-ever performances in the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) 2016 awards. The site recorded one of its best-ever performances in the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) awards, scooping 9 golds and 1 silver. Now in their 60th year, internationally-recognised RoSPA awards are the UK's most sought after safety awards. 4 of Sellafield Ltd's gold medals were won in the highest hazard areas of the site – the legacy ponds and silos.

[Weblink: Safety at Sellafield is gold standard](#)

### Nuclear provision document published

The NDA has published a document explaining the background to the origins of the UK's nuclear legacy and the issues with forecasting the cost of such a long-term mission.

The Nuclear Provision is the best estimate of how much it will cost to clean up the UK's 17 earliest nuclear sites over a programme lasting around 120 years. It covers the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority's 17 historic nuclear sites across the UK. Some sites date back to the very earliest days of the industry in the 1940s.

[Weblink: Nuclear provision](#)

### PhD bursaries available

NDA is seeking applications for PhD research proposals related to nuclear decommissioning. This year up to £500,000 is available via the bursary scheme. We are looking for proposals that support the NDA mission to deliver safe, sustainable and publicly acceptable solutions to the challenge of decommissioning and clean-up of the UK's civil nuclear legacy.

[Weblink: Apply for PhD bursaries related to nuclear decommissioning](#)

### NDA Insight magazine published

The latest edition of Insight has been published. Insight is our news magazine where we aim to provide a snapshot of some of the developments across the NDA estate. This edition includes news on the nuclear college, the supply chain event 2016, annual report highlights and a focus on R&D

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### NDA Chief Executive to retire

NDA Chief Executive John Clarke will be retiring in the course of the next year. The announcement was made by NDA Chairman Stephen Henwood, who said: "John has made a major contribution to the NDA and its mission to safely clean up the UK's nuclear legacy. Through his leadership, drive and commitment, John has improved performance at Sellafield with a new operating model, delivered an integrated approach to accelerating decommissioning across the estate and created an optimised strategy, resulting in increased value to the taxpayer. The NDA has made great progress under John's leadership, but I recognise that the CEO role is all-consuming and places great demands on both the individual and their family. I must therefore respect John's wishes and reluctantly accept his decision to retire."

[Weblink: NDA CEO retirement announced](#)

Pete Lutwyche, NDA Chief Operating Officer has also announced that he will be leaving the NDA to take up a job in the private sector.

### Judge's ruling in ES vs NDA case

A High Court judge has ruled against the NDA following a four-week trial to examine the claim for damages submitted by EnergySolutions EU (now named ATK Energy EU and owned by WS Atkins) over its unsuccessful 2014 bid to secure the Parent Body Organisation (PBO) contract for the 12 Magnox and RSRL sites. Further hearings will now follow to assess whether damages are merited and, if so, to establish the level of damages. EnergySolutions EU are seeking damages only and have not challenged award of the contract to the Cavendish Fluor Partnership.

### Departmental change

Following changes in a number of government departments, the NDA now reports to the newly created Department for Business, Energy and Industry Strategy (BEIS).

### Vaults given go-ahead

Planners in Cumbria have given the go-ahead for two new vaults at the UK's Low Level Waste Repository (LLWR), along with an extension to a third vault. The news will ensure the future of the facility, near Drigg, until 2050, creating around 120 construction jobs and securing existing roles. LLWR was opened in 1957 as the only UK location for the disposal of solid waste containing low levels of radioactivity. It provides an essential service for NDA sites as well as other industries that produce low level waste (LLW). More than £100 million has been invested in the site's infrastructure over the past decade to maintain it as an important national asset.

[Weblink: Planning approval secured at LLWR](#)

### Entries invited for business awards

Entries are now being invited for the annual supply chain awards which will be a feature of the 2016 NDA Estate Supply Chain Event on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November. The submission deadline for the awards, which acknowledge the vital role played by the estate's wide diversity of contractors, is 9<sup>th</sup> September. The supply chain event is sponsored jointly by the NDA and its Site Licence Companies and again takes place at EventCity in Manchester. One of this year's key speakers will be John Manzoni, Chief Executive of the Civil Service and Permanent Secretary (Cabinet Office). Last year, the event attracted a record 1,500 visitors.

[Weblink: NDA Estate Supply Chain Event and Awards](#)