

NDA Update October 2017

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority: Annual Report and Accounts 2016 to 2017

The report reviews a strong year of progress for the NDA as it advances its mission to clean up and decommission 17 of the UK's oldest nuclear sites.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nuclear-decommissioning-authority-annual-report-and-accounts-2016-to-2017/nda-annual-report-and-accounts-2016-to-2017>

Dounreay Exotics Programme

Removal of the UK-owned material from Dounreay started in 2012 and is expected to take until the 2020s to complete. The removal of Dounreay Exotic fuels from Dounreay to Sellafield is a UK Government priority. Our priority at all times is to comply with regulations governing the safety and security of nuclear materials in storage and in transit. Compliance with the regulations includes protecting information about routes, times, dates and locations or details on quantities. A communications and engagement plan is shared, agreed and regularly reviewed by all organisations involved in the transfers.

International links

NDA continues to foster links with foreign governments on behalf of the UK and Scottish Governments. Over the last few years the governments of Japan and Canada have used the NDA as a model to develop their own organisational structure to oversee the delivery of nuclear decommissioning in those countries. The NDA has regularly hosted visits of representatives of both nations' governments as their decommissioning programmes develop and visits to Dounreay have proven popular in order to gain understanding of reactor decommissioning and waste management in particular. A successful visit from the JAEA representatives of the Monju reactor in June 17 led to a request to NDA from UK Department of Trade to host a larger group of Japanese Government and business representatives in Caithness. The group are in the UK in October for the UK-Japan Nuclear Dialogue. More than 20 representatives of the Japanese Government and senior business representatives will visit Dounreay this month to see the latest approaches to decommissioning and waste management, and will go on to discuss the capabilities of the Scottish and UK supply chain and the supply chain structure with NDA, IN, Scottish Government and business representatives

Socio Economics highlights

Beyond Chapelcross

NDA remains in dialogue with Dumfries and Galloway council and other stakeholders on a potential phase 2 of the Beyond Chapelcross socio-economic project which looks at attracting businesses to utilise the 95ha site, much of which is now available as a brown field development site.

Scrabster Harbour Ice Plant formally opened by Fergus Ewing

Fergus Ewing visited Scrabster to formally open the new £1million Ice Plant at the harbour. Scotland's newest Ice Plant was officially opened by Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy & Connectivity Fergus Ewing MSP. The new facility can produce 30 tonnes of ice per day and has storage capacity for 60 tonnes. The Ice Plant at Scrabster Harbour, the UK's fourth largest landing

port for fish, will allow fishing boats to take on ice at any time of the day or night, protecting the quality of their catch. The £1m Ice Plant entered service in August 2017 and produces ice in plate form, which is better suited to modern fisheries.

A total of £685,000 funding was awarded to purchase and install the new ice plant. Funding of £143,00 was awarded from the NDA and a further £542,000 from European Maritime and Fisheries Fund via the Scottish Government.

NDA continues to work through local partnering arrangements at all its Scottish sites to support locally driven socio economic development.



Tom Pottinger, Chair SHT, Sandy Mackie, Manager SHT, Anna MacConnell NDA and Fergus Ewing MSP



Nucleus, the Nuclear and Caithness Archives

Nucleus has continues to attract interest from people seeking to examine the local records. The Caithness Archive is fully functioning and a growing number of people are visiting to carry out personal research. The new facility has allowed many donations of records and the archive will soon take delivery of a historically important collection of local records from Sir Richard Dunbar. The entire Hempriggs Estate records will be consigned to Nucleus in November.

A community outreach programme is ongoing and an artist is soon to be appointed as part of the arts strategy who will develop a community arts programme. The building has received visits from individuals and organisations both locally and around the world including hosting an international waste management conference during the summer.

The nuclear records will be relocated to the building from across the UK in a programme that run for several years. The Dounreay photographic collection was among the first nuclear records to be relocated.

The building has been short-listed for several awards including the RIBA award for best public buildings, and Restore who manage Nucleus on behalf of the NDA have been shortlisted in the Go-Awards for best practice in organisations who work with government.

NDA Archives Donations Policy Updated

The NDA's donations policy has been updated so that records may be given or bequeathed to Nucleus. In such cases, the NDA will ensure that offers will be directed to the most suitable collection. This includes local or specialist archives. These will not be classed as "public Records" under the Public Records Act (PRA) 1958. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nda-archive-donations-policy>

NDA Dounreay and Magnox Organisational Change

A key area of focus for the NDA over the next two years will be the effective transition of the Magnox contract into the new arrangements. In recognition of the importance of this, the NDA Executive has asked Nigel Lowe to move from his position as Head of Programme for Dounreay and Magnox and to lead the newly formed Magnox Transition Team. The combined Magnox and Dounreay SLC Facing Team will now be split back into its constituent parts to enable greater focus on each SLC. Mark Raffle will lead the Dounreay team and will report direct to David Batters and Geoff Suitor will lead the Magnox team.

Nigel, Mark and Geoff will report to David Batters until the Director of Nuclear Operations takes up post, when they will transfer to report to her/him.

Holliday Enquiry

The independent inquiry into the award of the Magnox decommissioning contract by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) and its subsequent termination is being carried out by a team led by Steve Holliday and is investigating

-) the procurement process from its inception through contract award
-) the management of the contract by the NDA to the point at which they decided to terminate the contract
-) the litigation that followed the contract award



The Holliday Inquiry Interim Report is expected imminently, and the NAO is also expected to report very soon. The NDA will comply with any findings.

NDA Stakeholder Summit

More than 200 stakeholders from across the UK and overseas gathered in Cumbria in September for a 2-day summit organised by the NDA. It was the first opportunity for the NDA's Chief Executive Officer David Peattie and Chairman Tom Smith to meet collectively with a wide range of individuals, including representatives from all communities hosting the 17 NDA sites. At the event David Peattie stated that he is committed to meeting and listening to as many people as possible from the communities around our sites, and those further afield who have a real and genuine interest in our mission to decommission and clean up the UK's nuclear sites. He stressed that maintaining strong relationships with the NDA's stakeholders is vitally important to the NDA and to him personally.

NDA Supply Chain Event 2017

The NDA has opened registration for its 2017 Supply Chain Event, the largest of its kind in Europe. The 7th annual event, held at EventCity in Manchester on 2 November 2017, is aimed at suppliers of all sizes who can provide the best possible solutions for nuclear decommissioning in the UK and abroad. A highlight of the event will be the NDA Estate Supply Chain Awards, which recognise outstanding contributions to the NDA's nuclear clean-up mission.