

SUMMARY REPORT OF NDA SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP CHAIR'S FORUM MEETING

Meeting held on 14th February 2018 in London.

Roger Saxon, DSG Chairman and Bob Earnshaw, DSG Site Restoration Sub Group Chairman attended this meeting. Chairs/vice chairs from Magnox sites also attended. Main points from meeting are summarised below:

Magnox Decommissioning Presentation

-) Magnox sites are all different (ie: one size does not fit all)
-) Deferred decommissioning costs once thought to be cheaper appears this may not be the case.
-) Unlikely that waste generated will go straight to GDF (original aspiration) therefore there will now be a need for interim stores on site(s).
-) Some sites will 'decay' faster than others.
-) The case for a new strategy still be made to NDA Board, then UK Government
 - o Could be around September 2018

Input from DSG:

-) Expressed surprise at the new strategy since all these factors were pretty much known at least 10 years ago.
-) Enquired as to the effect earlier decommissioning will have on overall NDA budget given that UK Government will try to keep it cost neutral. Response was that effectively Magnox is ring fenced and the Dounreay contract is target cost.

Regulation of Nuclear Sites

-) Looking to create an integrated regulation approach.
-) Recognise potential of overlapping between ONR and SEPA
-) Need a consistent approach – UK and Scotland
-) 'No Danger' will be described by HSE.
-) Proposal is that 3rd party liability covered by general liability after reaching 'no danger criteria'
 - o Nuclear licence ends when ONR is satisfied
 - o SEPA will continue to regulator from an environmental point of view
 - o ONR would continue to regulate any part of site after interim end states (ie for waste stores). If no hazards exist, HSE will take over as regulator in place of ONR.
-) Encouraged to respond to consultation (when published).

GDF presentation

-) This was not on the original agenda.
-) There will be a national policy statement which will have the effect of a planning directive in England.
-) Devolved administrations will not be affected.
-) Candidate sites and expressions of interest will be sought.
-) Geology will be major factor
-) Consultation ends April 2018
-) Parliamentary scrutiny around end June/July.

Site Stakeholder Group websites

-) Bill Hamilton introduced this topic.
-) Options were to move to gov.uk website – this was not accepted by SSG representatives.
-) Option to move to one website hosting all SSG websites

DSG Input:

-) Argued that DSG website was sourced locally and benefit local company
-) Support from other SSG reps
-) Support from SSG Chair of Chairs.
-) Outcome is status quo remains.

Working lunch with Tom Smith and David Peattie, NDA

-) Proposed stakeholder event at Berkely in July.
-) Senior NDA reps will be in Caithness on 19th March for a Nucleus event
-) Outline of Areva/EDF discussions
-) Staff matters (pay etc): does not affect Dounreay
-) Brexit and Euratom
-) Development of new rapid reporting of incidents across sites
-) GDF
-) Sellafield transformation
-) Magnox sites: Cavendish Fluor Partnership and transition
-) Safety/security including cyber and Dounreay exotics
-) Response to Holliday inquiry
-) Organisational changes/simplification, equalities, gender pay, etc.

SSG guidance and planned Stakeholder engagement

-) On original agenda but neither subject were taken.

Holliday Inquiry

-) Focused very much on Magnox sites, including questions from Magnox based SSG reps:
 - o Was the competition too complicated for NDA to manage?
 - o Was the bid scrutiny 'blind' or did the contract team know which bidders they were scoring?
-) Some early recommendations have already been acted on
-) Noted that those criticised will have sight/opportunity to comment before recommendations are published.
-) Final report would include comment on NDA process
-) Offered to meet again with all SSG Chairs after report was published.

DSG input:

-) Enquired about the R4 interview: response was that Dounreay competition was not part of his remit.

Any Other Business (DSG related):

-) mentioned the Scottish Government lobbying act.
 - o Chapelcross and Hunterston not aware of this - Agreed that DSG would send them information on this (complete).
-) NDA Chief Executive hoping to meet with DSG reps when up on 19th March for Nucleus event.
-) Requested consideration of a near future SSG Chair's forum at Dounreay with visit to Nucleus.

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