

Scottish Government Update to Dounreay Stakeholder Group – 24 March 2021

Scottish Government Radioactive Waste and Nuclear Decommissioning Policy Team

Diane Hamilton (Diane.Hamilton@gov.scot) has recently joined the Radioactive Substances team replacing James Fox. She has come from the Child Support Agency.

Pat McAuley has accepted a new role elsewhere in Scottish Government. His successor will be announced in due course.

Tony McFadden, who is a Nuclear Graduate Intern who has been assisting the team, will leave at the end of March 2021 when his 6 month secondment ends.

BEIS led Policy Review (Command Paper 2919)

BEIS recommenced their work on the policy review on radioactive substances and nuclear decommissioning. The Scottish Government provided comments on chapters within the draft consultation document as required. The timing on the potential publication of the consultation has been delayed until the summer of 2021 (this is primarily due to Welsh and Scottish general elections).

The Scottish Government will provide further updates to the Dounreay Stakeholder Group as this work develops.

Scottish Higher Activity Waste (HAW) Policy Review

The Scottish Government is preparing a consultation on the review of the Scottish Government Higher Activity Waste Policy statement (2011). The policy for higher activity waste policy remains that the long-term management of higher activity radioactive waste should be in near-surface facilities. Facilities should be located as near to the site where the waste is produced as possible.

It is estimated that the launch of the consultation will commence in the summer. The Scottish Government will provide further updates to the Dounreay Stakeholder Group as this work develops.

NDA Strategy IV

The public consultation on the NDA Strategy IV was launched on 17 August and closed on 8 November 2020. The document has been approved by both UK and Scottish Ministers and was published on 18 March 2021 as well as being laid at the Scottish Parliament.

ONR – 7th Joint Convention report

Engagement also continues on the work being led by ONR on the 7th Joint Convention report (to the International Atomic Energy Authority on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management) with the policy team ensuring that Scottish policies and priorities are captured as required. The report is expected to be published soon after ministerial approval.

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