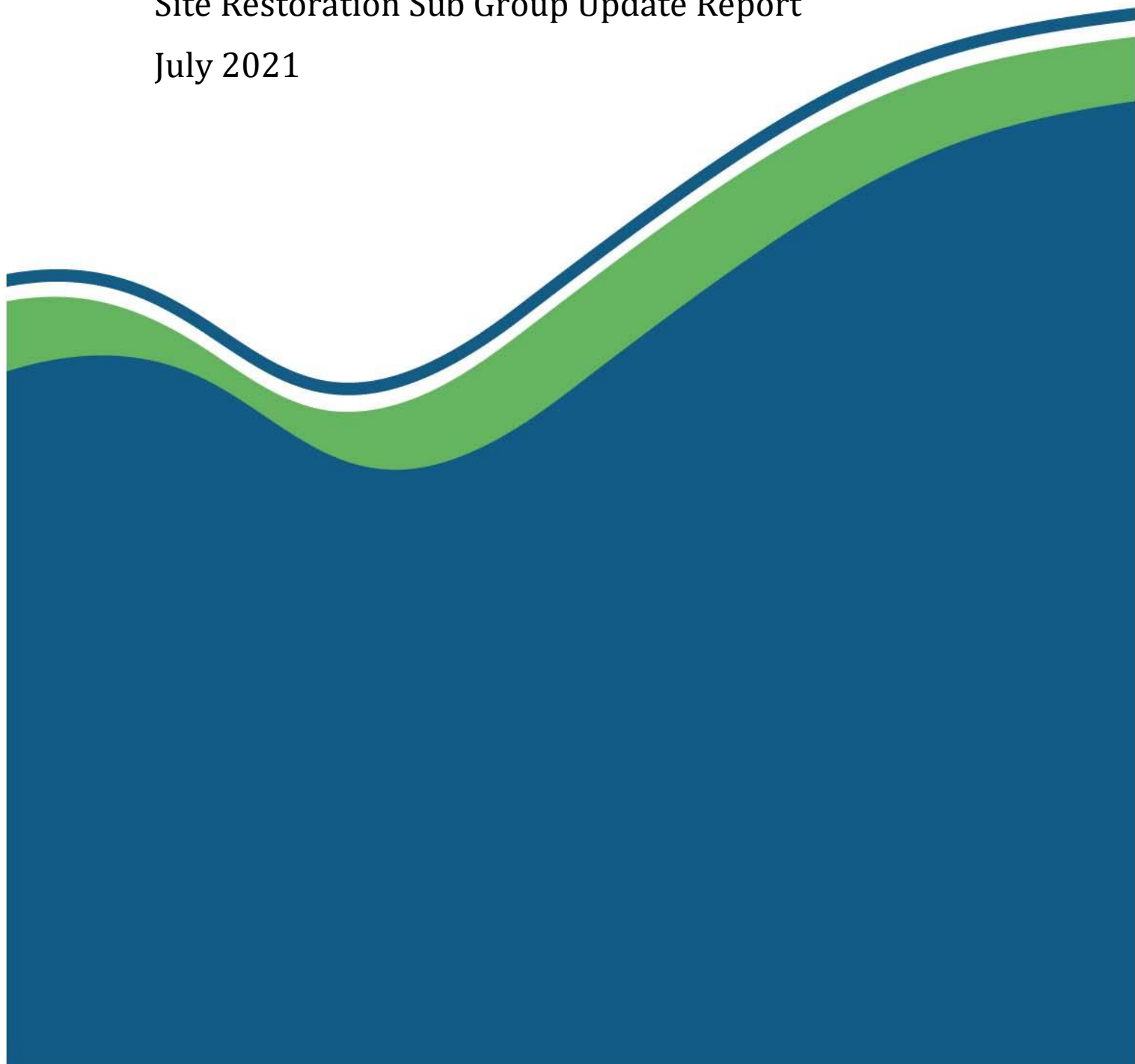




Dounreay Stakeholder Group
Site Restoration Sub Group Update Report
July 2021



Covid-19

COVID-19 Full details of SEPA's response to the COVID-19 pandemic are available on our website at; <https://coronavirus.sepa.org.uk/> . SEPA's temporary regulatory position statement on management of radioactive substances at nuclear sites is available online at; <https://coronavirus.sepa.org.uk/regulatory-position/management-of-radioactive-substances-at-nuclear-sites-regulatory-position/>

DSRL have advised SEPA they are currently able to operate in full compliance with the limits and conditions of its EASR permits.

Cyber Attack

On Christmas Eve, SEPA was subject to a serious and complex cyber-attack which has significantly impacted our contact centre, internal systems, processes and communications.

Following the attack, we immediately enacted our business continuity arrangements and took immediate action to limit the impact of the cyber-attack, notifying relevant authorities, including Scottish Government, Police Scotland, the National Cyber Security Centre and the Information Commissioner's Office with whom we continue to work.

While Police Scotland has indicated the likely involvement of international serious and organised crime, SEPA has been clear that it will not engage with criminals intent on disrupting public services and extorting public funds. The matter is subject to a live criminal investigation

While some systems and services may be badly affected for some time, step-by-step we're working to assess and consider how we recover.

We've published:

- Our [Approach to the Delivery of Services](#)
- Our [current service status](#) information.

SEPA are updating its service status on a weekly basis.

Site Inspection Work & RSA Compliance

SEPA have scheduled a visit to the Dounreay site w/c 12th July to review compliance arrangements associated with the DMTR facility decommissioning work and the Shaft & Silo waste retrieval project advanced transition works.

SEPA has been reviewing the actions taken by DSRL to address the requirements of Regulatory Notices RN01 and RN02 and further inspection of this is planned. To date SEPA are content the actions taken by DSRL have been appropriate.

Remote project engagement has continued with SEPA being updated on projects by DSRL and reviewed key documentation related to compliance with the limits and conditions of the EASR permit.

Low Level Radioactive Waste Facility

DSRL have submitted an application for variation to the facility EASR permit. This application follows a significant period of pre-application discussion between SEPA and DSRL. Determination of this application will take some time and the DSG will be kept informed as matters progress.

Site End State

SEPA were provided with an update on matters related to Site End State in early June and have scheduled a further meeting on assessment of impacts on Groundwater and the recent government consultation on proposed revisions to the SEPA's guidance on Assigning Groundwater Assessment Criteria for Pollutant Inputs (WAT-PS-10) to align with the Scottish Government's consultation on a framework for protecting Scotland's groundwater from pollution.

Non-Nuclear Site Regulation

Nothing to report.

Planning

SEPA provided input the Local Authority in response to DSRL application to vary the planning consent for the LLWF to allow for import of suitable material for backfill around the existing vaults.

Vulcan

SEPA continues to engage with Vulcan and has scheduled an update meeting for July to be appraised of site operations and future plans related to compliance with the site Letter of Agreement.

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