

NDA Update – July 2021

NDA Departmental Review

- BEIS conducted a Departmental Review of the NDA
- It's part of regular scrutiny reviews of Govt arms-length agencies
- The review replaces Tailored Reviews and looks at governance, performance and value for money
- Generally the review is complimentary of NDA, says the Authority is carrying out its mission & follows guidelines set down as part of the energy act
- The Departmental Review also applauds the NDA for its work with communities
- There are criticisms too. The NDA intends to feedback on findings from the review in due course
- The entire review can be found here:

[Nuclear Decommissioning Authority: departmental review - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/nuclear-decommissioning-authority-departmental-review)

BEIS Announcement on AGRs

- UK Govt (BEIS) announced improved agreement on eventual decommissioning of EDF Energy's fleet of 7 Advanced Gas Reactors
- AGRs are situated at Hinkley, Hunterston, Dungeness, Heysham, Torness and Hartlepool & will come across to NDA on a rolling programme out to 2030, once defueled by EDF Energy
- The deal was negotiated between BEIS and EDF Energy. It will not affect UK energy supplies, and BEIS estimates £1bn saving to UK taxpayer now arrangements are streamlined
- The AGRs will sit within the Magnox subsidiary when transferred
- NDA will work closely with EDF Energy leading up to the transfer
- The move has been welcomed by the NDA, and illustrates trust in NDA to carry out this nationally-important work

Holliday Report

- Report on Magnox Inquiry published on 4 March
- NDA is now a much stronger organisation, operating under a very different model
- We have already acted on Mr Holliday's interim recommendations made in 2017

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- We welcome Mr Holliday's recommendations and will publish our formal response **early August 2021**

Low Level Waste Repository

The Low Level Waste Repository Ltd (LLWR), located in Cumbria, is now a subsidiary of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) after its ownership was transferred from UK Nuclear Waste Management Ltd (UKNWM).

It represents the latest NDA-owned site to move to subsidiary status and follows a similar transition at Dounreay Site Restoration Ltd in March.

The move to make LLWR an NDA subsidiary is a step towards the creation of a single group waste division early next year. This will bring together the NDA's waste management expertise, including LLWR and Radioactive Waste Management, growing capability and simplifying how the group operates to deliver greater value for the taxpayer.

Clive Nixon

Clive Nixon has been appointed as Group Chief Nuclear Strategy Officer. Clive has been acting in the position as interim since February, playing a key role on the Group Leadership Team. Clive has been with the NDA for 16 years, previously spending 15 years with British Nuclear Fuels in a number of roles across research and development, technical and commercial. For the NDA he has led the development of our nuclear strategy and will bring invaluable knowledge and experience to the leadership of the NDA group.

Strategy for Scotland

Representatives from the NDA (S4S Team) visited Thurso recently to consult around some of their thinking as regards an NDA Strategy for Scotland. Meetings were held with representatives of the leadership team from DSRL, Trades Unions as well as sessions with CNSRP, UHI and DSG.

The team will be meeting the Leader of Highland Council on 15th July 2021 and will then be consulting with other stakeholder groups – initially around the other Scottish sites, namely Chapelcross and Hunterston during August and early September. The team will meet with some of the national agencies in Scotland i.e. Scottish Enterprise, SEPA, Skills Development Scotland, SCDI as well as Scottish Government.

Feedback on the initial consultation will be built into the current thinking/approach and further consultation will then take place. Timescales for completion of S4S are estimated around 12-18 months assuming approvals from NDA Executive.

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