

Scottish Government Update to Dounreay Site Stakeholder Group – 23rd March 2022

Scottish Government Radioactive Waste and Nuclear Decommissioning Policy Team

BEIS led Policy Review (Command Paper 2019)

We are continuing to engage with BEIS and other organisations on the development of the draft policy framework and the process for consultation by providing comments and input regarding the policy and context in Scotland. The development process is a significant piece of work which is still ongoing and the consultation will potentially launch in the early part of this year.

The Scottish Government will continue to feed into this work and provide further updates as this develops.

UK Radioactive Substances Common Framework

We have been working with the UK Government and the other devolved administrations on a Common Framework Agreement regarding Radioactive Substances policy. The Framework establishes an agreed approach between the four UK administrations where powers have returned from the EU which intersect with policy areas of devolved competence and is intended to put in place a governance structure and shared ways of working in line with our current and future obligations. This is part of a wider programme of work to develop frameworks across a range of policy areas.

The draft framework has now been submitted to all four UK Parliaments for scrutiny and has been published online at the following link;

[Radioactive substances: provisional common framework - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/radioactive-substances-provisional-common-framework)

Higher Activity Waste Policy (HAW) Review

Following on from the initial work done to consider issues around the Higher Activity Waste Radioactive Waste Policy 2011 (the 2011 Policy) and scope for a potential consultation exercise on that document, we have now decided to focus our work on the implementation of the 2011 Policy and Higher Activity Radioactive Waste Strategy 2016 (the 2016 Strategy).

The first part of this is a technical work stream to be undertaken with the NDA to develop our thinking around near surface disposal concepts for Scotland. This will also include work to help us better understand the radioactive waste inventory in Scotland, including which radioactive waste is suitable for near surface disposal and that which is not. We are also taking forward work to take stock of and progress the

programme of actions set out in the 2016 Strategy and to consider the issues and challenges that have arisen to date.

We will continue to engage with the members of this group collectively and individually to take this work forward.

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