Scottish Government Update to Dounreay Site Stakeholder Group – 8th June 2022

Scottish Government Radioactive Waste and Nuclear Decommissioning Policy Team

BEIS led Policy Review (Command Paper 2919)

We are continuing to engage with BEIS and other organisations on the draft policy framework and process for consultation. This piece of work will refresh the overarching policy framework for radioactive substances and nuclear decommissioning covering the whole of the UK. Therefore the launch of the consultation requires the final agreement of all four UK administrations and could potentially launch in the summer 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 was submitted to all four UK Parliaments in December 2021. The Net Zero Committee at the Scottish Parliament has put out a call for evidence on the Radioactive Substances Framework. The call is open until 31 May. The link to the Committee website can be found below for further information;

Environmental Common Frameworks | Scottish Parliament Website

Scottish Nuclear Sites Stakeholder Group meeting (SSSG)

The date for the next SSSG meeting has been set as the 23rd of August 2022, from 2pm – 4pm. Mairi McAllan MSP, Minister for Environment and Land Reform, has provisionally confirmed her attendance for part of this meeting to speak to the group and hold a short Q&A session. As time is likely to be limited, we would be grateful if any questions for the Q&A could be submitted in writing by close of play on 1st July 2022 to my email address, so that we can plan the session;

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