

Dounreay SSG

NDA Update – December 2022

New Ministers

- Following the appointment of Rishi Sunak as the new Prime Minister, there may be changes in ministerial roles.
- Grant Shapps MP has been appointed Secretary of State at BEIS, our sponsoring department.
- Other roles are likely to be confirmed over the coming days.
- Graham Stewart MP is the new Climate Change Minister whom NDA will work to.

NDA Working

- NDA will continue to operate on a hybrid working model with a mix of home-working and office-based work. Many people have joined the business during the pandemic and greater office working will enable people to meet and get to know others in their teams.
- Currently, personnel are working on an average of 2-3 days a week in the office.
- We will also continue to meet stakeholders in the ways they wish. So some may wish to have in-person meetings while others will continue with virtual meetings via Zoom and Teams.

NDA Business Plan

- NDA holds an annual consultation on NDA group key activities.
- Consulted on each year although the plans look forward three years.
- Aiming to launch this in December.
- Consultation will last eight weeks.

Economic Impact Assessments

- NDA has updated its assessments of the economic impact of its activities.
- Three reports have been published, on Dounreay, Cumbria and the Magnox sites. They are available on the NDA's website.
- Based on data provided by the NDA and Magnox, the Economic Insights consultancy estimated the current economic impact of Magnox sites on their local economies in terms of employment, GVA, and tax receipts.
- Between 2012 and 2021, both Magnox and the NDA committed over £14 million to socio-economic projects in the local areas of the sites.

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- The sites provide jobs for people living in the local areas; and employees subsequently support further jobs and economic activity through spending their wages in local areas”.
- “Most employees live in the local authority district that their site is located in, or those adjacent to it. As such, employment effects are relatively concentrated in the local economies”.
- “Some sites have more notable indirect employment effects on their local area because there are significant numbers of on-site contractors”.
- “Magnox and the NDA make significant contributions to the local authorities in which the Magnox sites are located, through the Socio-Economic Scheme”.

AGR Transfer

- Hunterston B stopped generating on 7 January and defueling has now commenced. This will take several years. Once the station is certified as fuel-free, ownership will transfer to NDA and Magnox will begin the process of decommissioning.
- Hinkley Point B stopped generating on 1 August and will shortly begin defueling.
- All the fuel will be transferred to Sellafield for storage until a GDF is ready.
- The cost of defueling and decommissioning the seven AGR reactors is due to be met from the Nuclear Liabilities Fund.

GDF Siting Process

- There are now four Community Partnerships, three in West Cumbria and one in Lincolnshire. Community Partnerships are a further step in an exploratory, fact-finding and discussion process with the local community about hosting a GDF.
- Discussions are continuing with other communities about whether or not to join the process.
- Geophysical surveys have been completed off the Cumbrian coast. This exercise is to map the geology under the sea in the inshore coastal zone.

NDA – “Keeping the Conversation Going”

- Held in central Edinburgh on 7-8 September.
- Nearly 170 people participated from across Britain.
- First in-person event for three years. A great deal has happened in that time and the event provided an opportunity to update on the new group structure and plans.
- All the SSGs, and LCLCs, were represented.
- Made a special point of including stakeholders on the discussion panels following formal presentations.
- Each of the operating companies gave presentations on their plans.
- Current group-wide programmes on social value, sustainability and skills were featured.
- Plans for next year currently under consideration.

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