

**SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT UPDATE TO DOUNREAY SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP – 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023****SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES AND NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING POLICY TEAM**Four Nations Policy Consultation on UK Radioactive Substances and Nuclear Decommissioning Policy Framework

The consultation for a revised UK policy framework closed on 24 May and received over 300 responses. Scottish Government is now working with the UK Government and other devolved administrations to consider the responses to the consultation and develop the revised framework document. We will provide further information as this work develops.

Scottish Government Higher Activity Waste Policy

We are continuing to work with the NDA on the initial technical research project around Scottish near surface disposal concepts to consider how elements of the Scottish policy might be taken forward - as per previous updates provided to SSG's. We are aiming to be able to share further information regarding the outputs of this work later in the year.

We are also looking to do some work on wider public attitudes to radioactive waste management to deliver on a commitment made in the 2016 Implementation Strategy. This is intended to compliment the engagement we already do with a range of stakeholders in the sector to inform our work moving forward and will likely take the form of a short survey for the general public.

Annual NDA meeting with Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

The annual meeting between the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition, the NDA Chair and NDA CEO, as set out in the NDA Framework document, will take place in October 2023. This will cover a number of issues including progress across the three NDA sites in Scotland as well as the expanding NDA mission in Scotland with the future transfers of Hunterston B and Torness for decommissioning.

New Member of the Team

SG and NDA have been working together to consider how best to build on Laura Hogg's successful secondment from the NDA to the SG team last year. We now have a new secondee, Oli Smith, from Magnox Ltd . He joined the team on 21<sup>st</sup> August and will be with us for the next 12 months.

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