

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT UPDATE TO DOUNREAY SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP – 6TH DECEMBER 2023

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES AND NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING POLICY TEAM

Four Nations Policy Consultation on UK Radioactive Substances and Nuclear Decommissioning Policy Framework

Scottish Government are continuing to work with the UK Government and other devolved administrations to develop the revised framework document following on from the consultation earlier in the year, with an aim to bring forward a revised document in 2024. We will provide further information as this work develops.

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, took place on the 26th of October. This was a positive meeting covering the NDA's strategy, priorities, performance, its current and future activities, and any policy developments relevant to those activities. In particular, the potential future transfer of the MOD Vulcan site to NDA for decommissioning and the recently announced investment of £3M into the nearby Sutherland Caithness Space Hub were highlighted.

Scottish Government Higher Activity Waste Policy

We are continuing to work with the NDA on the final version of the initial technical research project around Scottish near surface disposal concepts, to consider how elements of the Scottish policy might be taken forward. Due to delays in receiving the first draft of the project, we do not have the final outputs of the project to share with the SSG at this time. We are aiming to be able to share further information regarding the outputs of this work in early 2024.

Secondment

Following on from Oli's secondment from Nuclear Restoration Services (NRS) to SG, and to continue improving our working relationships and aid development of our technical knowledge, Martin MacDonald from the SG Rad Subs Team has taken up a secondment with NRS for the next 12 months. He started his new role on 23rd October.

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