

**SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT UPDATE TO DOUNREAY SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP – 20TH MARCH 2024****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 on the publication of the revised framework document. The aim is for this to be published sometime in March. We will send out a link to published framework once it is available.

Public Attitudes to Radioactive Waste Management Survey

The 'Public Attitudes to Radioactive Waste Management' survey was conducted between the 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of January 2024. 2160 responses were received. The results are due to be published in the Spring. We will advise the SSG when the results are available.

This wider public engagement work was undertaken to understand societal attitudes towards radioactive waste management, delivering on a research and development commitment made in the 2016 Implementation Strategy. This work complements specific engagement undertaken by the Scottish Government with stakeholders in the sector, including the communities around Scotland's nuclear sites and will inform implementation of the SG Higher Activity Radioactive Waste (HAW) Policy and any future review.

The Environmental Authorisation (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (EASR 2018) updates

The Environmental Authorisation (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (EASR 2018) are being amended to bring together all the permissioning arrangements for SEPA's four main regulatory regimes (Water, Waste, Radioactive Substances and Pollution Prevention and Control) into an integrated structure and under a single standardised procedure.

The Scottish Government is working with SEPA on proposed amendments to the Regulations. The public consultation for the amendments was released in December and it contains some minor amendments to the Rad Subs framework. Alongside bringing together the regulatory regimes, there are some clarifications to the Regulations in relation to radioactive substance activities but no significant changes.

The consultation closes on 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2024 and can be found at;

[Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space](#)

Technical Investigations of the Near-Surface Disposal of HAW from Sites in Scotland  
- SSG Presentation

The project to consider technical factors around the implementation of near surface disposal concepts in Scotland has now concluded. A presentation for SSG members on the outputs from the technical work conducted jointly between NDA and SG on Near Surface Disposal took place virtually on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February. This presentation was arranged to keep SSG members informed of the outputs of this work and to provide an opportunity for any questions, as part of our ongoing engagement.

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