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Please find below a brief update on main points of interest since the last meeting.

- As part of our ongoing commitment to create meaningful engagement with our stakeholders, we recently held our virtual stakeholder summit '**Creating meaningful conversations**'. More than 160 delegates joined the event in December 2023 and initial feedback has been positive. The event covered the progress we are making in delivering our mission, and our wider contributions on sustainability, social value, and skills.
- We held our latest **Regional Stakeholder Roadshow**, in north Wales on 12 March 2024 at Bangor University. The roadshow focused on innovation and followed the successful format of events in Cumbria and Glasgow which took place in partnership with universities in the regions.
- Our next in person **Stakeholder Conference** will be held later this year. We are still looking to fix both the venue and the date and will keep you informed of our progress.
- The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has now published its **Civil Nuclear Roadmap to 2050** alongside consultations on its **Approach to siting new nuclear power stations beyond 2025** and **Alternative routes to market for new nuclear projects**. The roadmap includes information and commitments relevant to our mission.
- Following its consultation in 2023, the **Government's new UK policy** on the sustainable and effective management of radioactive substances and nuclear decommissioning was published on 14th March 2024..
- Our latest NDA 2023 **Mission Progress Report** (MPR) was published in November. It shows how we're progressing delivery of the NDA mission and what's still left to do, providing a baseline against which future progress can be tracked. It should be seen in context with the other NDA documents we issue, and it forms part of our commitment to openness and transparency.
- Parliamentary Members of the **Public Accounts Committee**, along with the National Audit Office, visited Sellafield in October. We welcomed the opportunity to open our doors to the body responsible for holding government to account for value for money, allowing us a to demonstrate the progress we are making and share some of the challenges we face.



- Our updated **Social Impact and Communities Strategy** is being finalised as a result of a recent consultation exercise. The strategy is updated every three years and updated where necessary. The last one was published as the pandemic took hold and much has changed since then.
- At the end of last year, the Scottish Parliament Standards Committee gave approval to the establishment of a **Cross Party Group** on Nuclear Decommissioning. The CPG will be co-chaired by Oliver Mundell MSP (Conservative) and Colin Smyth MSP (Labour) MSP, and the Deputy Convenor will be Emma Harper MSP (SNP). The first meeting will be on March 27th in the Scottish Parliament. See link for further details:
[Civil Nuclear Industry | Scottish Parliament Website](#)
- Scottish Government engaged stakeholders on its **NSD Technical Report** on 21st February. The report has been developed as a technical options paper which will inform any future decisions on SG Waste Policy going forward.
- The second year of our **NDA group graduate programme** has opened, with the number of opportunities doubling to 120 across a diverse range of professional disciplines. The programme complements our support to the industry to build a long-term and sustainable pipeline of skills.
- Nuclear Waste Services (NWS) has begun aerial surveys and studies to evaluate potential sites suitable to host a **Geological Disposal Facility** (GDF), to permanently dispose of the UK's higher activity waste. Three communities are in the siting process, following one down-selection decision taken last year. A fourth community has joined the process in January – South Holderness.
- Her Royal Highness **The Princess Royal** visited Nuclear Transport Solutions' home port in Barrow-in-Furness to explore one of Pacific Nuclear Transport Limited's (PNTL) specialist nuclear vessels, and a Direct Rail Services (DRS) locomotive.

Thank you for taking the time to read our update. If you have any questions, please feed-back through the Secretariat.

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