



West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group – Windscale Sub-committee (WCSSG – WSC)

Report for April 2006 Meeting

Issues Arising since October 2005

In November 2005, the Head of Site, Windscale hosted a visit for members of the Windscale Sub-committee. The purpose of the visit was to give the members a familiarisation tour of the main plants and projects associated with the Windscale Site. In addition to the visit, a workshop was held to give members the opportunity to identify issues which could form future agenda items for Windscale Sub-committee meetings.

Feedback from the Windscale Sub-Committee Meeting

The Windscale Sub-committee met formally on the 7th March 2006. The meeting was held in the Ennerdale Room, Whitehaven Civic Hall and was open to members of the public.

The agenda for the meeting covered some of the items identified at the sub committee workshop (held in November 2005).

Presentations were made on the following topics:

- “Windscale Socio Economic Plans”

Felicity Wilson, Communications Manager made a presentation to the Windscale Sub-committee on the socio economic work which UKAEA, Windscale carry out. The presentation covered areas such as community sponsorship, appeals and donations, environmental volunteering, training and development.

As part of the consultation on Socio Economic Plans, the sub committee were asked for their views on the allocation of funding from the Head of Site’s Community Fund. UKAEA staff had previously been consulted and the outcome of these consultations would be covered in the 2006/2007 Socio Economic Plan.

- “Business Strategy & Organisational Development”

Peter Mann, Head of Site - Windscale, made a presentation to the committee on the work UKAEA has been undertaking in the fields of reactor decommissioning, waste management and land remediation. He also discussed UKAEA’s transitional change to meet the challenges of the NDA. UKAEA announced a partnering alliance with CH2MHill and AMEC NNC in January 2006.

Mr Mann then continued to update the meeting on Windscale specific items.

The site officers for the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate (NII) and the Environment Agency (EA) provided updates to the Windscale Sub-committee members on their work that had been carried out at Windscale since the last formal meeting of the WCSSG-WSC. The update which was provided at the WSC meeting will also be reported to the WCSSG through the formal reporting process.

The sub group discussed the effects of competition of the NDA sites and the impact that competition might have on safety performance. The group members felt that it would appropriate to discuss this topic as a separate agenda item at a future meeting and invite a member of the NDA Strategy Team to attend the meeting and join in the discussions.