

REPORT TO THE WEST CUMBRIA SITES STAKEHOLDER GROUP FROM THE CALDER HALL SUB-COMMITTEE

REPORT FOR APRIL 2007

The 3rd meeting of the West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group – Calder Hall Sub-Committee was held on Wednesday 21 February 2007 at the Ennerdale Country House Hotel, Cleator.

Cllr Norman Clarkson was re-elected as Chairman.

Mr Ranald Stewart was appointed as Vice Chairman.

Mr Paul Brennan, Site Manager, Calder Hall and Mr Phil Campbell, Head of Assurance, Calder Hall made presentations covering the following topics:

Safety

Calder Hall reported that over 500,000 man-hours have been worked on the site since the last reportable injurious incident in April 2006. On 25 April 2006 Calder Hall will have achieved a full year without a reportable accident.

Sickness Absence

Calder Hall recently achieved a creditable 3rd place in the NDA league table for sickness absence. The average of 4.5 days per employee, at Calder Hall, and the corrected average of 3 days in the last 12 months and 1.4 in the last 6 months (excluding long term sickness) reflects very positively on Calder Hall.

Defuelling

The fuel routes on each of the 4 Calder Hall reactors are currently undergoing modification to bring them up to modern standards and enable fuel throughput to Magnox Reprocessing. The installation of the equipment is complete on Reactor 4 and progressing on the other reactors. Commissioning on Reactor 4 is nearing completion and training of personnel ongoing. It is anticipated that NII will approve the commencement of active commissioning in March 2007.

On 5 February 2007 Barry Snelson formally opened the Calder Hall 'Learn Direct' centre and presented the Defuelling Team with their NVQ certificates in business improvement practices.

Cooling Towers

Physical work on the ground has progressed with the demolition of the connecting water distribution bridges and the drilling of the holes for the explosive charges. It is also a major achievement that all of the preparatory work has been executed safely without incident.

The project is still in the assessment stage with the NII. A very positive meeting has recently been held with NII which seems to have addressed the technical issues. The focus has shifted on to the detailed implementation arrangements.

Asbestos Removal

Calder Hall is currently the Site of the largest single asbestos removal project in western Europe. So far, 1,300 tonnes of waste has been removed safely and the project is on target to achieve 250,000 man-hours without a Lost Time Accident. BNGSL is working in partnership with Hertel to deliver this project and the recent contract award for the final phase of the work, covering a period of some 3 years, has coincided with a number of additional employment opportunities for local people, including former CORUS employees.

Demolition of Calder Hall Buildings

9 buildings have been safely demolished at Calder Hall during the 2006/07 financial year, demonstrating our commitment to clean-up and creating vital laydown areas for other decommissioning projects.

NII/EA Solid Waste Audit

Calder Hall was the subject of a joint audit by NII/EA in December 2006 into the management of solid waste on the Site. Calder Hall achieved specific praise for adopting the right approach to waste management issues and for the knowledge and attitude of the workforce in this subject area.

Other topics briefly covered in the presentation were:

- Community
- Information sharing with other Magnox Stations
- Lifetime Plans
- English Heritage

Look Ahead – 2007/08

Some of the projects for the 2007/08 financial year include:

- The removal of 2 heat exchangers.
- Cooling Tower demolition.
- Turbine Hall 'B' – making ready for final deplanting and demolition.
- Ongoing removal and disposal of asbestos.
- Further demolition of site buildings including Water Treatment plants and Workshops.

Mr Jeremy Gilmour, NDA (deputising for Mr Martin Grey), gave a presentation covering the following topics:

- Safety and Environment
- Programme

- Relationships
- NDA
- English Heritage and Site Preservation

Mr Jeremy Gilmour also gave a brief presentation on the Draft NDA Socio-Economic Policy. This had already been circulated to all members of the WCSSG Calder Hall Sub-Committee.