

Progress on the site end states consultation

Worked has progressed well with the consultation for the site end states.

The West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group was asked to engage with the community on behalf of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority on the site end states for the Sellafield sites including the Low Level Waste Repository and UKAEA, Windscale.

The first phase of consultation has been held which consisted of three stakeholder workshops and a web based questionnaire available to the general public and employees.

The three workshops were held on:

Thursday 4th January 2007 – Cleator Moor Civic Hall

Saturday 6th January 2007 – Drigg Village Hall

Wednesday 10th January 2007 – The Oval Centre, Salterbeck

Attendance at the workshops varied, with the largest turnout at Cleator Moor Civic Hall. This was partly because we utilised the already planned WCSSG meeting and many WCSSG members and members of the community turned up to input into the process.

In addition to this over 180 questionnaires were completed and returned to the secretariat.

Westlakes Scientific Consulting has analysed the results of the workshops and questionnaires and have prepared an interim report for the NDA.

On 14th March a second phase workshop was held at Drigg Village Hall to feed back the results of the first phase and to look further at what ‘end states’ will be required in order to accommodate the preferred ‘end uses’ for the Low Level Waste Site.

A further workshop will be held on 20th April to cover the results and to look at the ‘end states’ for the Sellafield, UKAEA and LLW sites.

Invitations will be sent to all members who attended the first round of workshops.

It is expected that a final report will be delivered to the NDA in May.