



# NEWS Committee

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## End States for the Sellafield and LLW sites

Welcome to the March edition of the WCSSG 'committee news'.

I have reported in both newsletters on the consultation that the WCSSG is carrying out on behalf of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority on the site end states for the Sellafield and Low Level Waste sites.

The WCSSG arranged three workshops during January 2007 as follows:

**Thursday 4th January 2007** - **Cleator Moor Civic Hall** - **1200 1700**

**Saturday 6th January 2007** - **Drigg Village Hall** - **1000 1400**

**Wednesday 10th January 2007** - **The Oval Centre, Salterbeck** - **1600 2000**

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 adding to the comments received.

Westlakes Scientific Advising is currently analysing the results of the workshops and questionnaires in order to prepare an interim report for the NDA.

The Low Level Waste sub committee meeting on 14th March will be utilised to feed back the results of the first phase of consultation 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 in April to cover the results and to look at the 'end states' for the Sellafield, UKAEA and LLW sites.

Keep checking the website for further information and please make every effort to attend the workshops as it is important that you are involved throughout the whole process.

If you wish to attend any of the workshops please let the secretariat know:  
[secretary@wcssg.co.uk](mailto:secretary@wcssg.co.uk)

## Emergency arrangements

It was reported in the September newsletter that discussions had taken place at the Emergency Planning Sub Committee about the intention to sound the Sellafield site siren in the event of a Sellafield Emergency and a Site Incident.

Currently, the siren is sounded in the event of a Sellafield Emergency only and it was requested that the same siren could also be sounded in the event of a Site Incident.

This topic has been discussed quite vigorously over the last few months and it has been agreed with all interested parties that the siren can now be sounded upon both events. A number of telephone help lines will be set up which will enable members of the community to phone in the event of hearing the siren and a message will alert them to the level of the event and any necessary actions.

The Emergency Planning team will very shortly be communicating with the community about the new system and providing residents within a 6km radius of the site with a revised householders leaflet.

It is hoped that the new way of working will take effect from April 07.

## NDA - National Stakeholder Group

The NDA has arranged its next National Stakeholder Group meeting on 5th and 6th July in Manchester.

Unfortunately, this date clashes with the WCSSG main meeting, which is also scheduled for 5th July.

The Chairman has decided that attendance at the National Stakeholder Group is imperative and as such six representatives from WCSSG will go along to the meeting and input into the discussions.

The WCSSG in July is not one of our main scrutiny meetings and depending on the issues that are current nearer the time, the Chairman will decide whether to reschedule the WCSSG July meeting or cancel it. Further information will be available nearer the time.

## Visit to Sellafield by SSG Chairs and Vice Chairs

It was suggested at one of the National Stakeholder Group meetings that a visit to Sellafield should be arranged for Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of all the Site Stakeholder Groups in order to give them an idea of the size and scale of the site.

The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority is making the arrangements for this and our WCSSG will be represented by our Chairman, David Moore, Vice Chairman, Elaine Woodburn, Cllr Norman Clarkson, Chairman, Calder Hall Sub Committee, Ranald Stewart, Chairman, Windscale Sub Committee and Professor John Haywood, Chairman, Environmental Health Sub Committee.

The visit will take place on Tuesday 27th March and will encompass a tour of the Sellafield Site to include Thorp and the Windscale Vitrification Plant as well as some of the older buildings undergoing decommissioning.

Wednesday 28th will be utilised to hold discussions, facilitated by the NDA.

## Community Engagement Co-ordinating Sub Committee

For some time now, the Chairman of the Community Engagement co-ordinating sub committee has felt that the committee has fulfilled its original purpose and no longer has a viable role. She has therefore suggested that the committee disbands.

The Chairman said that although she felt regretful in having to suggest this she felt that the committee began with very good intentions and did initially fill a gap within consultation and communication but felt that other consultations are taking over, whether they be in the form of direct NDA consultation, BPEOs or National consultations like the CoRWM work.

She still feels there is a job to be done within the community to raise the profile of the WCSSG and consultations locally and nationally but feels it is for consideration by the WCSSG as a whole.

The decision to disband the committee will be put forward at the April WCSSG meeting for ratification.

# Future Events

During March, April and May the following events are scheduled as highlighted on your calendar of events:

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| <b>Tuesday 6th March</b>    | - <b>Windscale sub committee</b>            |
| <b>Monday 12th March</b>    | - <b>Emergency Planning sub committee</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 14th March</b> | - <b>LLW Repository sub committee</b>       |
| <b>Thursday 5th April</b>   | - <b>WCSSG main scrutiny meeting</b>        |
| <b>Thursday 31st May</b>    | - <b>Environmental Health sub committee</b> |



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