



NEWS Committee

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Welcome to the September issue of the committee news. This is the ninth issue of the information bulletin designed to keep you up to date with activities occurring in between the quarterly meetings of the West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group (WCSSG).

In this issue you will find information about the announcement of the preferred Parent Body organisation for Sellafield Ltd, a visit to Sellafield by the Hunterston Site Stakeholder Group, and an extra special article.

Announcement of the Preferred Parent Body Organisation for the Sellafield Site

At the last WCSSG meeting held in July, presentations were received from the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) and Sellafield Ltd, on the Parent Body Organisation (PBO) competition process and what Sellafield Ltd had been doing in order to prepare for the arrival of a new PBO. Both presentations were well received and evoked a good question and answer session.

The suspense of finding out who the successful bidder would be, subsided with the announcement on 11th July, that Nuclear Management Partners have been selected as the preferred bidder.

Although the preferred bidder has been announced, the competition has not formally concluded yet. The next milestone is 6 October, when the contract will officially be awarded. We can then set about forging what will hopefully be a fruitful relationship; and in this time of change, we must not forget the current Sellafield Ltd management team, who have always endeavoured to be open to scrutiny from the WCSSG.

David Moore, along with the chairmen of the sub committees were keen to meet with representatives from Nuclear Management Partners, which is a consortium made up of AMEC, URS Washington and Areva. A meeting was held with Nuclear Management Partners on 30 July, where the WCSSG expressed the importance of continued engagement and the hope that the new relationship could build on what has already been achieved.

David Moore said: "I feel confident from the meeting we've had, that there was a full commitment from Nuclear Management Partners, that they have a full understanding of how the Sites Stakeholder Group works and a commitment from them that they will fully support the future aspirations of the group."

Hunterston Site Stakeholder Group Visit to Sellafield

Members of Hunterston's Site Stakeholder Group came to Sellafield to see for themselves the operations on the Sellafield and Low Level Waste Repository (LLWR) sites. Whilst here they visited Thorp, a Waste Encapsulation Plant and the Low Level Waste Repository site at Drigg. They were welcomed by Cllr David Moore and were joined for lunch by Cllr Elaine Woodburn. Useful discussions were held which helped them to gain a better understanding of the close relationship between Sellafield, LLWR and the local site stakeholder group.

John Lamb, Chairman of the Hunterston Site Stakeholder Group said "Last year the NDA stated that the majority of funding would go to the Dounreay and Sellafield sites; having now visited Sellafield, we can appreciate the challenges faced by the site and view things in a different light."



David Moore pictured with members of Hunterston Site Stakeholder Group before they go on their tour of the Sellafield site.

An extra special little someone

Not all of you will be aware of this, but the WCSSG would like to welcome its newest recruit - our hard-working secretary Rosina, has been working on a project of her own for the last nine months; and has been rewarded with the birth of a most beautiful daughter. Scarlett Rose is her name and she weighed in at a healthy 6lbs 8oz on Friday 15th August. Mother and baby are both doing well and I'm sure you'd like to join us in sending Rosina, Andrew (very proud father!) and Scarlett our very best wishes.



A little bundle of joy - Scarlett Rose Robinson

Next Meetings

The next meeting of the WCSSG will be on Thursday 2nd October 2008 at the Cleator Moor Civic and Masonic Centre at 1300hrs.

The meeting is a scrutiny meeting where reports are expected from site operators, regulators, the NDA and the sub committee Chairs.

Future Meetings

Monday 8th Sept	Emergency Planning sub committee, Cleator Moor Civic and Masonic Centre	1400 - 1615
Monday 8th Sept	Commercial sub committee, Ennerdale Country House Hotel	1230 - 1500
Wednesday 10th Sept	Low Level Waste sub committee, Drigg Village Hall	1900 - 2100
Tuesday 16th Sept	Decommissioning sub committee, Ennerdale Country House Hotel	1300 - 1530
Thursday 2nd Oct	WCSSG meeting Cleator Moor Civic and Masonic Centre	1300 - 1600
Thursday 27th Nov	Environmental Health sub committee, Cleator Moor Civic and Masonic Centre	1300 - 1600
Tuesday 3rd Dec	Socio economic sub committee, venue TBC	Time TBC



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