



West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group

Summary Report to the WCSSG Scrutiny Meeting April 2011 Decommissioning Sub Committee

Key Items Discussed

Regular Items

Sellafield Site Performance Report
Decommissioning Report
NDA Update Report
Environment Agency Update Report
Nuclear Installations Inspectorate Update Report

Special Items

High Hazard and Risk Reduction Presentation

Issues

The discussion of High Hazard and Risk Reduction remained high on the agenda, with a presentation of the proposals for acceleration of work within Legacy Ponds and Silos and the impacts this has on other areas of the Directorate. This prompted extensive discussion amongst the members over future decommissioning priorities for the site. The members also received a short overview of the Safety and Environmental Detriment scoring system for the Sellafield site.

The Nuclear Installations Inspectorate reported that in respect of the Performance Plans for Decommissioning Projects they were looking to see underpinning of the dates to ensure that milestones and targets were achievable. The Chairman queried how closely the Regulators and Sellafield Ltd worked together and was reassured by members from both the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate and Environment Agency that there were good working relationships, as evidenced by the increase in flexible regulatory permissioning, but that controls were in place to make sure all parties were happy with potential actions.

The members were advised of the immanent departure of Decommissioning Director Russ Mellor and his replacement by Jim French, formerly the Head of URS Washington's Savannah River site.

The Sub committee noted that work was progressing well on the Sellafield Ltd response to the Improvement Notice placed on the Magnox Swarf Storage Silo by the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate, and that the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate was happy with the positive response received.

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Vice Chairman
March 2011.