

NDA Report SSG Decommissioning Sub Group – 10 September 2009

Major Projects

NDA sanctioned an interim sanction request for 9 projects within the Legacy, Ponds & Silos at the July board. This is a unique approach which allows the full business cases to be developed throughout the remainder of the financial year.

In the August board, the business cases for SPP1 Buffer and B29 LSTP were also approved.

Remediation Forum

Lord Hunt, the Minister of State for the Department of Energy and Climate Change, visited West Cumbria on 16 July.

While at Sellafield site he chaired the first Sellafield Remediation Forum.

This new forum has been established to provide an overview of progress, with a particular focus on clean up of legacy ponds and silos in particular.

Lord Hunt, regulators and senior government officials saw a summary of Sellafield Ltd's plans for addressing the legacy ponds and silos to raise awareness of the challenges on site.

A follow up is expected in the autumn.

SO21 Project

The SO21 Project is focusing on what we want to achieve across the estate during the next 15 to 20 years, and the programmes of work needed to achieve this.

Three of our corporate targets are tied to the project. These are:

- Convert each objective into a programme by 31 March 2010
- Give 'golden numbers' and financial data for each of the objectives by 29 May 2009
- Deliver the corporate plan by September 2009

For each of the individual strategic objectives we will have a 'Project Definition Document' or PDD that gives these details. So far nine are being produced, which is in line with the schedule of work.

The first five project definition documents are due to be completed by the end of the month.

OGC Gateway 4 Review

NDA will be subject to a review by OGC during September. This will be the first gate review after the award of the Sellafield competition contract. It will look principally at the transition of the contract from award into delivery and the plans established to deliver the benefits proposed by NMP during the bid phase.

Departmental Service Objectives

NDA have 40 DSO targets at Sellafield this financial year. Decommissioning projects are well represented in these targets. 7 are considered challenging at P4 but have plans in place to achieve the objective before the financial year end.

LTP 10 Build & Assurance Programme

The LTP10 Build process is continuing with significant NDA involvement. The process is proving challenging due to the size and nature of the scope. The programme is being delivered by a committed team led by Paul Mair from Sellafield and Chris Mills from the NDA. The process has so far focussed on the programme evaluations and will get engaged in project level activities in due course.

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