



Studsvik UK Ltd Metal Recycling Facility, Lillyhall - Report to the West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group April 2010

Introduction

This report is prepared and issued to demonstrate the Studsvik UK Ltd commitment to the local community of being open and transparent in relation to their operations at its Metal Recycling Facility (MRF) at Lillyhall, Workington. This report ensures that the information is available to members of the public and is for distribution to the members of the West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group (WCSSG). This report is produced on a six monthly basis by the Studsvik UK MRF site as a Nuclear Site Licence holder for issue to the members.

This report is the first report to include operational data from the first six months since the receipt and processing of contaminated materials was permitted and is produced to update the members of the current operational status of the site and will cover the following areas:

- Operations
- Health, Safety, Environment and Security
- Community engagement
- Recruitment
- Forward programme

The reports will be produced and issued prior to the WCSSG scrutiny meetings and will be made available on the Studsvik UK website: www.studsvik.co.uk and the WCSSG website: www.wcssg.co.uk

Operations

As reported at the last scrutiny meeting the MRF was in the very early stages of processing the first consignments of waste received in September 2009. The shipments consisted of 12 Half Height ISO containers containing scrap metal drums from LLWR. The successful completion of these 12 consignments resulted in a total volume reduction of 98.5%.

To date further consignments of waste that would have been destined for disposal at the repository have been received for treatment either via LLWR or, direct from customer sites. These consignments consist of a mixture of Full Height ISO containers, Half Height ISO containers, Third Height ISO Containers and, individual large items transported in appropriate packaging. A mixture of rail and road transport has been utilised.

The processing of all the above materials is now nearing completion and entails approximately 375m³ of volume. The processing of these materials has currently resulted in an approximate volume reduction of 97%.

Waste that cannot be fully decontaminated and released from the MRF under the UK regulations has been pre treated, packaged and transferred to our Swedish facility for further treatment therefore optimising our volume reduction capability.

Work has commenced to assess the further development of and, investment in, the tooling and equipment we currently have to enable us to increase the capability and flexibility of the facility.

Health, Safety, Environment and Security

Studsvik UK continues to strive towards the highest possible health, safety, environmental and security standards and continually improve its performance in these areas by implementing and maintaining systems and practices that are appropriate to the company's activities, services and those of a Nuclear Site Licensee.

Studsvik UK, including the MRF, sets very high standards to ensure that the health safety and welfare of all staff, contractors and visitors on the site is maintained to a high standard. The current statistics for the MRF are as follows:

- Accident Incident Rate (AIR) 0
- Accident Frequency Rate (AFR) 0
- Accident Severity Rate (ASR) 0

Since the commencement of "active" operations there has been 1 minor first aid injury on the MRF site. Since the permission to receive radioactive material onto the site the MRF site has achieved in excess of 15,000 man hours without a Lost Time Accident (LTA). As an organisation Studsvik UK has achieved in excess of 850,000 man hours without a LTA

Community Engagement

As a local employer Studsvik UK values the support of the local community and continues to engage with it on several fronts in the area. During the flood recovery phase in the Workington area the MRF site provided resources to assist and support the Northside Community Centre. Work is still ongoing with organisations to move forward with the development of a community support fund to support, where reasonably possible, projects that enhance the sporting, cultural, educational and environmental quality in West Cumbria.

As part of commitment to the local community of being open and transparent in relation to their operations at the MRF we have recently initiated the setting up of

a Local Liaison Panel with the emphasis on the engagement of the neighbouring stakeholders to the site. Invitations have been sent out to the Borough, County and local Parish Councils for the nomination of a representative to sit on the panel. It is expected that first meeting will be held in the coming months.

Recruitment

Based on current business predictions the forward programme for the next phase of recruitment has now been finalised to take us into the next 2 quarters. This has already commenced with the recent appointment of an additional semi-skilled operator and a Health Physics Monitor. Once the interview process is completed the remainder of this phase of recruitment will result an additional 4 posts that include a further 2 skilled operators, 1 semi-skilled operator and, an Assurance Manager. These positions will be filled by suitable candidates from the local West Cumbria community.

Forward Programme

Operations will continue to process the remainder of the consignments currently on the site. Further consignments are planned for delivery at the end of March and into April.

Work on the future development of the facility tooling and equipment will continue.

Completion of the active commissioning phase.

Completion of the current phase of recruitment and the assessment for any further recruitment required over the next 6-12 months.