

**Report to the West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group Emergency
Planning Sub Committee on Emergency Exercises held on the Sellafield
Ltd Windscale Site during the period March 2009 – September 2009**

Introduction

Under the terms of its Nuclear Site Licence, the Windscale licensed site is required to test and exercise its facility emergency arrangements witnessed, as necessary by HM Nuclear Inspectorate or the Office for Civil Nuclear Security. This report summarises exercises held during the reporting period.

Exercises Held

There were two facility exercises staged during the reporting period.

11 June 2009: Counter-Terrorist Exercise 'Mayflower'

Exercise 'Mayflower' was the annual Windscale counter-terrorist exercise as required under the Nuclear Industry Security Regulations. The exercise was witnessed by inspectors from the Office for Civil Nuclear Security (OCNS)

The exercise was designed to test::

- the initial response to the discovery of a suspected explosive device
- the response interface between the facility operators and the Civil Nuclear Constabulary in such circumstances.
- The management of the evacuation of a significant number of site occupants from the vicinity of the suspect device.

At the subsequent debrief with OCNS, the inspectors recommended a number of **minor** improvements to the arrangements for the setting up and management of exclusion areas but, otherwise, expressed their satisfaction with both the planning and staging of this exercise, and the response of the Windscale and CNC teams involved.