

REPORT TO THE WEST CUMBRIA SITES STAKEHOLDER GROUP FROM THE CALDER HALL SUB-COMMITTEE

REPORT FOR APRIL 2008

The 5th, and final meeting, of the West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group – Calder Hall Sub-Committee was held on Wednesday 20 February 2008 at the Ennerdale Country House Hotel, Cleator.

The Chairman explained that this was the final meeting of the Calder Hall Sub-Committee as Calder Hall would not now be considered as a separate site from Sellafield. In future, issues concerning Calder Hall would be raised through the Decommissioning Stakeholder Group, which was in the process of being set up.

Mr Phil Campbell gave an update covering the following topics from the site operator perspective:

- Plant Status
 - Defuelling
 - Decommissioning
 - Organisational Structure
- Site Status
- Safety Report
 - Conventional
 - Nuclear
 - Environmental
 - Sickness Absence
- Project Implementation Report
 - Fuel Route Modifications
 - Cooling Tower Demolition
 - Asbestos Removal
 - Ancillary Building Demolition
- Consent to Decommissioning (under the Environmental Impact Assessment for Decommissioning Regulations)
 - Environmental Management Plan (EMP)
 - Changes to the Decommissioning Plan
- Business Performance
- Listing of Reactor 1 and Turbine Hall 'A'

The main focus of discussion was on the arrangements being put in place to defer the de-fuelling and decommissioning of Calder Hall for a number of years, including the maintenance of the necessary skill base.

The committee also discussed progress on the main projects, in particular asbestos removal and cooling tower demolition. In particular, the Chairman stated that all the Committee members expressed their thanks to the organisation for the success in bringing the cooling towers down. Safety had been of paramount importance and it was a brilliant job that had been carried out.

Mr Martin Grey gave an update covering the following topics from the NDA perspective:

- Safety and Environment
- Programme Performance
 - 2007/08 Schedule
 - Cooling Tower Demolition
 - 2007/08 Budget
 - Future Scheduled Work
- Risk Management
- Regulator, Site and NDA
- English Heritage and Site Preservation
- Review of WCSSG Calder Hall Sub-Committee

Key discussion following the NDA report covered site funding and the current position on 'listing' of a reactor and turbine hall. In respect of the latter, it was felt that the wider issue of our national nuclear heritage was an issue to be referred to the National Stakeholder Group.

The Chairman said he had been privileged to be the Chairman of the Calder Hall Sub-Committee for the last 2 years. He also added that he had been impressed, both as an outsider and Chairman of the Committee, with the dedication and support that Mr Paul Brennan, Mr Phil Campbell and the Calder Hall Site in general had given him and the Committee. He also stated how impressed he had been with the site safety record and that Calder Hall should be very proud of achieving this.