



Report from Community Engagement Sub- committee (CECSC)
To the West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group
Thursday 5th October 2006

A presentation was given at the previous WCSSG by the Chair of the CECSC which highlighted the need for the group to review its objectives in light of changing circumstances surrounding community consultations.

There are three main groupings of consultations happening at the moment including:

- National – e.g. CoRWM
- NDA Specific – e.g. Site End States
- Contract Specific – e.g. UKAEA Pile Reactors, BNG Ponds and Silos

It was agreed by the CECSC that a new role was needed for the group and the following objective was recommended and agreed by the WCSSG.

“To provide a route by which the community access consultations relevant to the Nuclear Sites in West Cumbria”

It was also further agreed that a programme of awareness which both raised the profile of the WCSSG and present and future consultations was needed.

There would be a calendar of nuclear consultations produced and prompts would be made to key stakeholders informing them that consultations are available on the website. It is essential that ALL members of the WCSSG are community ambassadors and that the CECSC continually monitor and review the agreed process.

A Code of Conduct has been agreed by the CECSC which embraces the Nolan principles of Selflessness, Integrity, Objectivity, Openness and Honesty.

A draft calendar of events was produced after consulting key organisation asking them to highlight present and known future consultations. This will be available on the WCSSG website and we would urge everyone to make any additions as they arise.

Specific consultations including the NDA’s socio-economic plan and the West Cumbria Masterplan were seen as key documents that will affect the area.

In conclusion there are many consultations facing West Cumbria from a National, Regional and local perspective. It is essential the local community know about these and are given the opportunity to have their views heard. The CECSC will help that process.