

## Report from the Decommissioning Sub Committee to the West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group

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### Membership

Since the last meeting of the Decommissioning Sub Committee in September 09, 4 new members have been welcomed to the committee, two elected representatives and two members of Sellafield Ltd as follows:

Clr Peter Connolly	Copeland Borough Council
Mr Ranald Stewart	Ponsonby Parish Council
Mr Paul Foster	Sellafield Ltd Executive
Mr Russ Mellor	Sellafield Ltd Executive

### Sub Committee Activities in the Reporting Period

Following the last meeting of the sub committee, a workshop was held in December to identify future agenda items for discussion. The meeting was extremely useful to the members and highlighted a number of areas for discussion, two of which were brought forward to the February 09 meeting (see meeting report for more details.)

In January, representatives from the Decommissioning Sub Committee visited a number of Sellafield Ltd's decommissioning projects. The visit allowed the members to gain a better insight into the work that the Sellafield Ltd Decommissioning Teams are undertaking and highlighted the complexities and interdependencies of the decommissioning projects. It is hoped that a further visit will be planned in the summer to the Legacy Ponds and Slos decommissioning project.

In addition, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Sub Committee met with Paul Milne of the NDA as Paul was unable to attend the February meeting.

A meeting is also scheduled for the Chairman and Vice Chairman to meet with Russ Mellor, Sellafield Ltd Director of Clean-up.

### February 2009 Meeting

The February meeting of the Decommissioning Sub Committee was a very well attended meeting with representatives from local Community and Business Representatives, the Site License Company, Regulators and the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority.

Regular reports were presented at the meeting by:

Mr Chris Halliwell	Sellafield Site Report
Mrs Alyson Armett	NDA Report (on behalf of Paul Milne)
Mr Stephen Tandy	Environment Agency Report

Discussions took place at the meeting about the work of the PAIS Teams (Partnering, Assess, Innovate, Sustain) which have been set up at Sellafield Ltd to assess current working practices to make recommendations for improvement. The PAIS teams are comprised from employees of Sellafield Ltd and from Nuclear Management Partners respective organisations i.e. URS Washington, Areva, AMEC.

As a result of the December workshop, two additional items were included on the agenda as follows:

Sellafield Site Strategy

NDA Skills Strategy

Mr Paul Foster, Sellafield Ltd Executive Director for Strategy and Transition made a presentation on the Sellafield Site Strategy and Mr Carl Dawson, National Graduate Programme Manager for the NDA made a presentation on the NDA Skills Strategy.

These items formed an excellent basis for discussion and were well received by the meeting members.

No items arose at the February meeting of the Decommissioning Sub Committee which need to be brought to the attention of the West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group.

### **Future Activities**

Due to the remit of the Decommissioning Sub Committee and the intensity of the Sellafield Site Decommissioning Programme, it is intended to call an interim meeting of the Decommissioning Sub Committee in April 09 – Date to be confirmed.

As mentioned previously, it is hoped that a visit can be arranged to the Legacy Ponds and Silos Decommissioning Project in early summer.

The next meeting of the Decommissioning Sub Committee has been changed to the 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009 as opposed to the 8<sup>th</sup> September as previously arranged. This meeting will be held at the Cleator Moor Civic Hall and Masonic Centre.

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