

**Report to the West Cumbria Site Stakeholder Group Emergency Planning Sub
Committee on Emergency Exercises**

Introduction

This is a summary of the issues arising from the formal exercises held by the Site Emergency Planning Office for the period since the last meeting. The dates for exercises planned for the period up to the next meeting are listed at the end

Exercises Held

There were two site exercises, as follows:

9th October 2008 This was the annual security demonstration required by The Office of Civil Nuclear Security. This exercise also involved a team from the Army Royal Logistics Corps Bomb Disposal. This was deemed to be an adequate demonstration by the regulator.

The issues from this exercise were:

- There was confusion over how to notify the site emergency services.
- Very good interaction between Sellafield Ltd, Civil Nuclear Constabulary and Bomb Disposal.
- Cordons were not robust enough which allowed people access through them.

27th November 2008 This was one of the Level 1 exercises which the site are required to hold twice yearly. The NII said that the scenario was realistic and challenging. The NII believe that it has been an acceptable demonstration.

The issues from this exercise were:

- Exercise briefs were sent out to the real directory not the exercises directory.
- Poor access control point command and control performance
- Aspects of dealing with contaminated casualties were poor.

Future Exercises

5th March 2009 This will be a test of the on site emergency plan.

12th May 2009 This will be a full site demonstration exercise (level 1).