

**Report to the West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group
Progress of the Low Level Waste Repository (LLWR) Sub Committee
April 2008 to September 2008**

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This report covers the period April 2008 to September 2008 and is intended to communicate the progress made by the Low Level Waste Repository Sub Committee during that period.

Topics covered during the past 6 months have revolved around:

- Vault 9 Construction/Traffic Management Plan
- Security Arrangements
- Community Benefit

Vault 9 Construction/Traffic Management Plan

Mobilisation work has commenced for construction of Vault 9 and the committee have kept a watching brief to ensure that the Operator comply with the planning conditions, particularly in respect of the Traffic Management Plan and Commencement of Development.

The tender process has not been without its hiccups; the initial Preferred Bidder Hanson's, withdrew their offer at the last minute which resulted in LLWR having to go back to the short listed tender companies. This resulted in the contract being awarded to Birse Nuclear.

The commitment of LLWR to maximise rail transport and minimise HGV movements through the Village of Drigg has been formalised in the Traffic Management Plan, this has been submitted to CCC's Planning Authority for approval. We understand that the plan removes approximately 90% of vehicle movements from Road to Rail but there are issues with the number of vehicles leaving Ghyll Scaur Quarry and transporting materials along the A595 to Port of Workington. A planning application for a temporary rail facility in Millom has been approved and once built the facility will alleviate this issue.

Commencement of Development triggers payment of the Community Benefit Package and I understand that a Ground Breaking Ceremony and formal handover of the cheque is planned for mid October.

Security Arrangements

Discussions have been ongoing throughout the period on this issue and a task and finish group were set up to work with LLWR to ensure that the concerns of the community would be addressed in any new security arrangements on the site. Legion, a subsidiary of Royal British Legion, have been awarded the contract for guard force

at the LLWR and the committee received a presentation from them on 10/09/08. The committee are satisfied that the Operators have addressed community concerns.

Community Benefit

The delivery mechanism for the community fund is in the process of being established and the Board of the will comprise representation from the following:

Copeland Borough Council	x2
Cumbria County Council	x2
Nuclear Decommissioning Authority	x1
Independent	x2

The Board would have the flexibility to co-opt an additional 2 members if deemed necessary.

NDA have confirmed that the first instalment of £5M will be paid at the Ground Breaking Ceremony with the final instalment falling in financial period 2009/2010. The agreement reached is that payment commences 30 days after “commencement of development”.

Future Issues

Post Closure Safety Case remains high on our priority list as does progress against the various innovations identified in UK Nuclear Waste Managements bid and the work on the National Strategy for Low Level Waste. We have arranged for a presentation to be given on the Strategy work at the December meeting.

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