

**Report to the West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group
Progress of the Low Level Waste Repository (LLWR) Sub Committee
October 2007 to March 2008**

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This report covers the period October 2007 to March 2008 and is intended to communicate the progress made by the Low Level Waste Repository Sub Committee during that period.

Update on Vault 9 Planning Application

I previously reported that the Vault 9 application was submitted to CCC in June 2007 following consultation with stakeholders and the local community. I

On Tuesday 22nd January 2008 planning consent was granted for the construction of Vault 9 with 20 conditions attached. The key areas of concern expressed by the Sub Committee are addressed in the following conditions:

- Condition 1: The Development** - The waste is to be stacked no higher than the equivalent of four half-height ISO containers (5.4 metres).
- Condition 2: Temporary Permission** - No waste shall be placed in the vault after 31 December 2018, unless a further permission for storage or disposal is sought and planning permission obtained.
- Condition 4: Traffic Management Scheme** - No deliveries of construction materials to the site shall be commenced until a Traffic Management Scheme for the construction and operational phases of the new vault has been submitted to, and approved, by the local planning authority. Once the Scheme has been approved traffic shall be managed in accordance with the approved details. The Scheme shall minimise the use of road transport.
- Condition 6: Safeguarding of Watercourses and Drainage** - Throughout the periods of construction, operation, decommissioning, restoration and aftercare, provision shall be made for the collection, treatment and disposal of all surface water entering or arising from the development site to ensure there shall be no pollution of watercourses or adverse impacts on the wildlife habitats of the various water bodies within, or adjacent to, the Low Level Waste Repository.
- Condition 7: Radiological monitoring** - No waste shall be placed in the vault until the supplementary radiological monitoring measures that are proposed in paragraphs 352 to 355 of the Environmental Statement are in place.
- Condition 9: Working hours** - Except with the prior written approval of the local planning authority, or for essential safety work, no work shall take place outside the following times:
- on the construction of the vault outside the hours of 0730 and 1800 weekdays and 0800 and 1300 hours on Saturdays.
 - no lorries associated with the construction and operation of the

vault shall travel through Drigg or Holmrook villages between the hours of 0730 and 0900 and 1530 and 1630 on weekdays or at any time on Saturdays and Sundays or public holidays.

- no activities associated with stacking or moving containers, within or to/from Vault 9, shall take place outside daylight hours between 0630 and 2300 on weekdays only. There shall be no operations on Saturdays and Sundays or on public holidays.
- there shall be no lorry movements taking containers to or from Vault 9 along the perimeter track outside daylight hours within the hours of 0730 to 2000 weekdays only.

Condition 10: Noise levels - A scheme of noise monitoring shall be submitted to and approved by the local planning authority before the commencement of development.

Condition 15: Lighting - Measures shall be adopted, as described in the Environmental Statement, to reduce the visibility of additional lighting outside the boundaries of the Low Level Waste Repository site. Lights shall be switched off when not needed and outside the approved working hours.

A community benefit package was agreed between the NDA and the Local Authorities (CCC/CBC) and attached to the Vault 9 application as a Section 106 Agreement. The package consists of a one-off payment of £10M with £1.5M per annum for as long as the site receives waste. Discussions to ensure the best delivery mechanism for the funding remain ongoing with the intention to have something in place prior to commencement of the Vault 9 development which is scheduled for the summer.

We will continue to monitor progress and look forward to learning about how funds can be drawn down to support community projects.

Competing LLWR Contract

The NDA Competition Process continued to feature heavily in discussions throughout the period. We have been anxious to engage with the new Parent Body Organisation (PBO) for LLWR but are unable to enter into meaningful dialogue until a contract is signed. We understand that this is imminent and have rearranged our meeting scheduled for March to take place on Wednesday 02/04/08 to accommodate NDA/PBO timescales. We hope to learn more about UKNWM's (the new PBO) plans for the site and how they intend to engage with the community and stakeholders in the future.

BPEO Process for the LLWR Post Closure Safety Case

The Sub-Committee, along with other stakeholders have been involved in two workshops to support the Best Practical Environmental Option (BPEO) process relating to LLWR's Post Closure Safety Case. The first workshop took place in December 2007, followed by a second workshop in mid January. The outputs from the workshops will be presented at the April Sub Committee meeting.

Other Issues

We look forward to discovering whether concerns expressed about the down grading of the LLWR site security arrangements have been taken on board. A presentation is scheduled to take place at our April meeting.

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