

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM
LLWR SUB COMMITTEE MEETING 02/04/08

Dr Andy Baker delivered a presentation to the LLWR Sub Committee yesterday on the Best Practicable Environmental Option (BPEO) process supporting the LLW Post Closure Safety Case. Original safety case submitted to the Environment Agency (EA) in 2002. The next submission date for the full PCSC is due in 2011. Work done to date provides an INTERIM VIEW ONLY and will be submitted to the EA at the beginning of May 2008 for consideration.

General summary:

- The site is safe now and the safety case considers safety of the facility for many thousands of years into the future.
- Current update suggests that doses and risks are below the applicable quantitative limits.
- Separate consideration required of the Trenches and the Vaults on the grounds that the Trenches were designed and approved not against current standards.
- Conclude that the engineering in the base line plan is the optimum forward strategy for the site as things stand now.
- Proposed interim modification to the Conditions for Acceptance to better manage future disposals.
- Broad questions remain and await a national LLW strategy.

New PBO took over management of the LLWR on Tuesday 1/4/08, with a broader remit to support the NDA in the development of a national strategy for the management of Low Level Waste.

Dick Raaz outlined elements of UKNWM'S bid, explaining how their proposals could dramatically extend the use of the existing facility by tens of years and substantially reduce overall costs to the UK tax payer (Billions). Further co-ordinated development of a number of processes are under consideration ranging from:

Segregation
Minimisation
Avoidance
Treatment
Packaging

Potential introduction of new process will be considered that are new to the UK but available and practiced elsewhere in the world.

These are not a given and will be consulted with stakeholders.

Discussions have been ongoing for some time regarding the downgrading of the security classification for LLWR and associated security provision. This took place

in January 2008 downgrading to category 4. Since this time CNC have continued to provide an armed police force at the Site, although this is no longer a requirement under the new classification. LLWR have been in discussion since last year on the future role of CNC at LLWR to address stakeholder concerns about moving to a private guard force.

Assurances have been given that the concerns of the local community in terms of the working arrangements of a guard force and the nature of the ongoing support from CNC will be given. In support of this assurance LLWR are meeting with a working group from the LLWR Sub Committee to address concerns and develop a way forward.