

## **West Cumbria Site Stakeholder Group Emergency Planning Sub Committee**

Minutes of the 53rd meeting held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2006

### **Present**

Mr D Cook	Drigg Parish Council (Chairman)
Mr D Moore	Seascale Parish Council
Mr D Humphreys	Cumbria County Council Emergency Planning Unit
Mr B McNichol	Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service
Mr M Slater	British Nuclear Group
Mr N McPhail	British Nuclear Group
Mrs K Wilson	British Nuclear Group
Cllr McCarron Holmes	Allerdale Council
Dr M Richardson	UKAEA
Dr N Wall	NDA (Part time)
Mr A Rae	NDA (Part time)
Insp K McGilloway	Cumbria Constabulary

### **Apologies**

Mr B Baldwin	Highways Agency
Mr S Lewis	NII
Insp R Mackay	Cumbria Constabulary

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### **Chairman's Introduction**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the 53rd meeting. He commented on the non - attendance of the NII and said the committee were very disappointed that they were not here to discuss this issue that they had raised. Mr Slater commented that we had received their views via email, which he then read to the committee. Please see attached copy of email.

**Presentation on “Review of Options to Warn the Workforce”**

Mr McPhail gave the presentation to the committee and explained the reason behind the meeting. After the presentation there followed a detailed discussion by the committee regarding this subject, a number of issues were raised and debated. The preferred option presented to the meeting was accepted as follows; British Nuclear Group would use the existing site siren where a ‘Site Incident’ has been declared (in addition to at a Sellafield Emergency), but only where there is safety benefit in getting the workforce to shelter, or there is a requirement to account for personnel who may be at risk. It was also agreed that Rapid Reach would be adapted to send appropriate messages to the local community at Site Incident as well as Sellafield Emergency status.

It was also agreed, that BNGSL would set up a dedicated freephone telephone line for the members of the general public to phone in when they hear the site siren. There will be a recorded message there telling them what is happening on site and what they need to do if anything. The committee said its agreement was provisional on BNGSL being able to establish the aforementioned freephone system with a sufficient capability to meet a reasonably foreseeable demand. The committee agreed that this would instil public confidence and that with this the BNGSL workforce would also be better protected. Mr Humphreys agreed to start rewriting the householders’ leaflet to accommodate this new proposal. Mr McPhail and Mr Slater said that they needed to have the new telephone lines set up ready to use for the site exercise on the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2006. It was agreed that at the next meeting that Mr McPhail and Mr Humphreys would up date the committee on the progress of this. BNGSL and CCCEPU agreed to look at the possibility of BNGSL using the Cumbria Alert website.