



Minutes of the 59th Emergency Planning Sub Committee held on Monday 9th March 2009

Present:

Mr. D Moore	Seascale Parish Council
Mr. D Humphreys	County Emergency Planning Unit
Mr. M Foy	NII
Mr C Williams	Sellafield Ltd
Mr. N McPhail	Sellafield Ltd
Mr R Lanigan	Sellafield Ltd
Ms N Lawton	Environment Agency
Mr S Anderson	LLWR
Mr B Hough	NDA
Mr P Tyson	Whitehaven & District Trades Council

Apologies:

Dr M R Richardson	Windscale
Mrs T Riley	Sellafield Ltd
J Caffrey	Cumbria Constabulary
R Mackay	Cumbria Constabulary
Mr P Edge	NDA

Chairman's Introduction

Mr. Moore welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Matters Arising

Mr. McPhail said that he had requested a representative from Windscale but that Dr M Richardson was unavailable.

Mr Moore requested that minutes from the last meeting and reports for this meeting be issued to all members 14 days before the meeting along with the agenda. **Action Mrs Wilson.**

Report on Emergency Exercises

Mr. McPhail presented both the Sellafield Site and Windscale reports to the committee. Mr Foy asked Mr McPhails' view on the performance of the exercise held on the 5th March 2009, Mr McPhail commented that the exercise had gone well and



that the handling of shift handovers went well. There was however areas for improvement around the casualty handling and roll call. Mr Moore commented that the problems around roll call were a reoccurring problem; Mr McPhail explained that roll call on the site was always challenging and that there is currently a project looking at a new electronic roll call system.

Mr Anderson gave a brief report on the exercises that had been held on the LLWR site since the last meeting, he commented that they had carried out two security exercises with satisfactory results and that some good learning had come out of them, he also said that they had tested the mutual aid agreement with Sellafield Fire and Rescue and this had gone well.

Mr. Foy gave a brief report on the areas that had been the focus of regulatory effort and attention regarding emergency arrangements and emergency preparedness since the last meeting, including Sellafield PBO Transition, Sellafield and Windscale licensed sites and the merger of the Emergency Plans, Sellafield Site Siren replacement. He also commented on the last Level 1 exercise held at Sellafield saying that it had been an acceptable demonstration with a few minor issues. Mr Tyson asked if there was currently a problem with the site siren, Mr Foy explained that there was no problem with the existing siren but the new siren will give more flexibility and will be audible to a radius of 2KM from site.

Mr Humphreys briefed the meeting on the forthcoming Level 3 exercise; he explained that this will be the UKs national nuclear emergency exercise for 2009. He explained how the exercise would run and that an emergency reception centre would be set up as part of the exercise. He informed the members that if anybody wished to observe the exercise they would need to contact him direct. ***ACTION All Members.***

Any Other Business

Mr Moore commented that the County is looking into the adequacy of the A595 during an emergency or road closures, he said that the County were looking at alternative access routes to be used in an emergency and that there are already arrangements in place for emergency vehicles and key personnel who are registered with site to have access through site in such an event. Mr Moore said that he would report back to the committee about the alternatives being looked at. ***ACTION Mr Moore.***

Mr McPhail told the committee that he expects that the Householders Leaflet will have to be revised to take account of changes associated with the introduction of the



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new siren. He said that it was his intention to consult with key stakeholders about the way the new siren was used. Mr Humphreys asked if the intention was to test the new siren to determine its effectiveness. Mr McPhail confirmed that this would be the case.

Mr Humphreys informed the committee of the issues associated with the STAC (Strategic Technical & Advisory Committee) concept and how developments were being managed with respect to the Sellafield off site emergency arrangements.

Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held at Cleator Moor Civic Centre on 14th September 2009.