



West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group

Minutes of the 54th Emergency Planning Sub Committee held on Monday 11th September 2006

Present

Mr D Moore	Seascale Parish Council
Mr M Slater	British Nuclear Group
Mr R Lanigan	British Nuclear Group
Mrs N Lawton	Environment Agency
Mr P Lucas	British Nuclear Group
Mrs G Marsden	British Nuclear Group
Mr R King	British Nuclear Group
Mr M Dixon	NDA
Cllr P Connolly	Copeland Borough Council
Cllr C McCarron-Holmes	Allerdale Council
Mr M Richardson	UKAEA
Mr D Humphreys	County Emergency Planning
Chief Insp D Harris	CNC
Sgt G Hunter	Cumbria Constabulary
Chief Insp Qazi	Cumbria Constabulary
Dr N Calvert	Health Authority

Apologies

B McNichol	Cumbria Fire Service
J McVay	Cumbria Fire Service
N McPhail	British Nuclear Group
W McGlennon	British Nuclear Group

Chairman's Introduction

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the 54th meeting. He noted that there had been a lack of replies to invitations sent out to members and asked that members please let the secretary know whether they would be attending or not.

Matters Arising

Mr Moore commented that he was still waiting for Drigg Parish council to nominate a representative to the committee.



Mr Moore commented that all reports that were to be presented to the committee should be circulated to all members 14 days before the meeting.

Mr Slater informed the committee that the LLWR site security category is to be down graded to CAT4 so there will no longer be a requirement for CNC to be present. Emergency arrangements will continue to be the same until contracts actually change, and then other arrangements will be made. Mr Dixon said that the emergency arrangements would need to be in place with the new contractor before contracts are placed. Concern was expressed by a number of elected representatives and Mr Moore commented that public confidence would need to be reassured but this would be discussed at the LLWR forum.

Dr Calvert reported on the exercise between Sellafield and West Cumberland Hospital, there is a full report being produced which he will send to the Secretary to be issued to all members. **Action Dr Calvert.**

Dr Calvert said that he will be chasing up the list of health service personnel who require access through site. **Action Dr Calvert.**

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

It was decided by the committee to carry this over to the next meeting due to the lack of elected members; Mr Moore asked that elected members make every effort to attend the next meeting.

Report on Emergency Exercises

Mr Lucas presented his report from BNGSL to the committee.

Mr Richardson presented his report from UKAEA.

Site Siren Update

Mr Slater explained that BNGSL has undertaken to provide the members of the public with a Public Telephone helpline

Mr Slater and Mr Humphreys have had a dialogue regarding the sounding of the site siren twice. Mr Slater explained to the committee the technical reasons why BNGSL did not want to go down this route in the short term. Mr Humphreys then explained to the committee how sounding the siren twice would aid the public's understanding of the emergency state during an event on the Sellafield site. Mr Moore explained that the technical reasons Mr Slater had given were not acceptable and in the interests of public confidence Mr Moore said that the committee requests that Mr Slater looks into



improving the technical ability of sounding the siren twice Mr Moore asked that the committee be kept informed. **Action Mr Slater.**

The committee agreed to the reissuing of the householders leaflets as the changes required are only to the wording on the helpline and not what is printed in the leaflet.

OSCAR 8

Mr Humphreys informed the members about OSCAR 8; he explained that this exercise would be to demonstrate to the NII the adequacy of Sellafields' off site emergency arrangements. He commented that the NII had made a specific request that as part of the exercise the alternative control centre at Carlisle would be used instead of WCECC at Summergrove.

Briefing on Calder Hall demolition

Mrs Marsden gave a short presentation on the demolition of the Calder Hall Cooling Towers; she explained where the project is now and how they arrived there. She commented that the SECC and Gold Command at the WCECC would be set up as a contingency.

Update on External Security enhancements

Insp D Harris explained to the committee the new security powers that CNC now hold. CNC will now patrol approx 5KM from the site; they will be more visible to members of the public and the workforce. Mr Moore commented that he thought this would be welcomed by the local community.

Any other business

None

Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be 12th March 2008 venue to be confirmed