

## West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group

### Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of the LLWR and Emergency Planning Sub Committees

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2007 held at Drigg Village Hall

#### Attendees:

David Moore (Chairman)	West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group
Rick Lanigan	British Nuclear Group
Mick Slater	British Nuclear Group
Karen Wilson	British Nuclear Group
Glyn Davies	Nuclear Installations Inspectorate
Sue Brown	Cumbria County Council
Barry McNichol	Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service
Ian Streatfield	Environment Agency
Amy Gill	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
David Humphreys	Cumbria County Council
James Millington	Low Level Waste Repository
Nigel Lister	Low Level Waste Repository
David Harris	Civil Nuclear Constabulary
Malcolm Richardson	United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority
Steve Barnes	British Nuclear Group
June Shield (Secretary)	British Nuclear Group

#### Observers:

David Millington	Drigg & Carleton PC
Marjorie Higham	Drigg Resident
Jimmy Naylor	Drigg & Carleton PC
Kneale Thompson	Drigg & Carleton PC

#### Apologies:

Sue Brett	Cumbria County Council
Richard Evans	Cumbria County Council
Dave Weatherburn	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
Geoff Grint	Nuclear Installations Inspectorate
Mark Dixon	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
Chris Halliwell	Low Level Waste Repository
Cath Giel	Low Level Waste Repository
Eileen Eastwood,	Copeland Borough Council
Adrian Dalton	Drigg & Carleton PC
Stephen Shepherd	Drigg & Carleton PC

**1. Welcome/Apologies:**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the apologies.

**2. Implications from the downgrading of the Security Classification for the LLWR site and Emergency Arrangements. (Nigel Lister, LLWR & Dave Harris, CNC)**

Emergency arrangements are currently part of the existing 'Sellafield & Drigg' emergency plan but a new plan has been prepared for the new LLWR SLC. The new SLC will need to demonstrate that it is in command of its own emergency arrangements; and up until now during 'shadow working' the site has been operating in practice mode. Emergency exercises have been carried out and witnessed by the NII.

One of the key changes will be the introduction of an LLWR duty manager; however support from the Sellafield site in the shape of Health Physics Monitors/Fire Brigade/Engineers etc will continue to be available to the LLWR site.

The LLWR don't have any Health Physics Monitors who are core staff, this service is bought in as a service provided by Sellafield; this arrangement will remain in place.

Removal of the remainder of PCM from LLWR significantly reduces the level of hazard at the site and there is no conceivable event which would require evacuation or sheltering of the local community; therefore there is no requirement for an off site response plan.

Q. Will the new PBO have to abide by the new arrangements?

R. Yes.

Q. How will you ensure a complete rota/pool for the duty manager with such a small workforce?

R. There will be enough people trained to ensure that people will only be on cover one week in eight.

All levels of security for nuclear sites are set by the Office for Civil Nuclear Security (OCNS). LLWR currently requires 24hr police coverage but as the PCM is removed, the level of risk is greatly reduced. CNC resources are scarce and it doesn't make sense to keep on guarding something that isn't there any more. The change in categorisation means that policing by CNC is no longer an OCNS requirement; however there will still be stringent requirements from the OCNS.

Future arrangements are being reviewed; some of the options being looked at are the continued use of CNC but in a different capacity, or the use of a private security firm, possibly with some continued use of CNC. No decisions have yet been made.

CNC are looking at the different levels of response that they will provide and are holding exploratory talks on 18<sup>th</sup> June.

It was commented that the community are horrified at the idea of a Private Security Force. There is the perception that Private Security Forces are incompetent and that blunders will be inevitable, which in turn will mean the public having even less confidence in them.

Concern was also expressed that as LLWR is the only Low Level Waste site in the country, if the level of policing were to decrease, then it may be seen as a soft target by activists, who may attempt to gain entry to the site as a means of getting publicity.

Q. When will the new security and emergency plans be available?

R. The site security plan is not a document that will be readily available; however the new draft emergency plan is currently with the regulators and will become available once the new PBO takes over.

Q. Could the new PBO look at the cost of services that LLWR currently buy in from Sellafield and decide that they prefer to buy it in from a cheaper source?

R. This would require approval from both the NDA and the regulators, and although they will be mindful of value for money; they will also ensure that the new PBO does not attempt to reduce the level of security/emergency arrangements. Stakeholder buy-in is also needed for any changes.

Q. If I were a protester and scaled the fence at LLWR to gain access, what can a Private Security Guard do to me?

A. A Private Security Guard would not have the powers or the expertise to remove an intruder.

Q. Will there be any changes in the level of security lighting around the LLWR?

A. When the security level changes there may be the opportunity to look at the level of lighting, which is a key issue among the local community.

The Chairman of the WCSSG will write a letter based on the views of the community, expressing their concerns about any decrease in the level of security. This letter will go forward to the police talks being held on 18<sup>th</sup> June.

**Any other business:**

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.