



# NEWS Committee

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**Welcome to the September edition of the committee news. This is the fifth edition of the information bulletin designed to keep you up to date with activities occurring in-between the quarterly meetings of the WCSSG.**

**We'd like to know whether or not this publication is useful to you and whether you would like us to continue to produce it, so we would be grateful if you'd take a minute or two to complete the slip on the back page and return to the secretariat.**

## National Stakeholder Group Meeting:

As reported in the June newsletter, the WCSSG meeting scheduled for 5th July did not take place. This was to allow WCSSG members to attend the NDA's National Stakeholder Group meeting which had been arranged for the same day.

Several of our members attended the National Stakeholder Group meeting, which was facilitated by the NDA's stakeholder engagement convenors.

During the two days, a meeting was convened of the Chairmen of all the UK Site Stakeholder Groups to discuss consistency of arrangements for all the SSG's and to understand how each group currently operates.

The outcome from the meeting was to create a National Site Stakeholder Group, (the Site Stakeholder Group Chairs Forum) where all the Chairmen could meet and discuss any areas of concern. Our Chairman, David Moore was chosen to Chair that meeting which will convene prior to each NDA National Stakeholder Group meeting.

In accepting the position David commented: "I was chosen for the role as it was recognised that West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group is considered as 'best in class'. The level of support the other Chairmen receive to run their committees ranges from support similar to WCSSG to some Chairs having no point of contact at all".

"This is an ideal opportunity to get all the Chairs together and collectively discuss how to ensure each group receives a similar level of support as well as giving an opportunity to raise any issues which are affecting the Chairs either individually or collectively and also to give us an opportunity to look at national issues."

Discussions are currently underway with the NDA to agree a way of moving things forward.

# Review of local arrangements for stakeholder engagement:

You will all have received by now a questionnaire asking for your views on local arrangements for stakeholder engagement. This review has been instigated by the NDA as part of a continuous review of its policies and practices of stakeholder engagement across the organisation.

The main purpose of the review of local arrangements is to clarify and help improve the relationships and communications between SSG's and the National Stakeholder Group (NSG), NDA, Site Licence Companies (SLC's) and local communities.

Please can you make every effort to fill in the questionnaire and return to: Convenor for NDA Stakeholder Engagement, FREEPOST SEA12430, Thornton Heath, CR7 7XT before Friday 21st September 2007.

The WCSSG Chairman intends to request that information is also collated by individual site stakeholder Groups which will help the WCSSG secretariat to maintain standards and ensure it is delivering what members want. The WCSSG is also currently looking at its local arrangements and the Chairman will be bringing some thoughts to the next WCSSG meeting in October.

## Calder Hall sub committee

The Calder Hall sub committee met for the fourth time on Wednesday 15th August at the Ennerdale Country House Hotel.

Presentations were given by representatives from Sellafield Ltd and the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority covering amongst others, Calder Hall update over the last six months, a decommissioning overview and the cooling tower demolition, including the successful test blast which took place on Saturday 11th August.

Discussions largely centred around the recent announcement of Calder Hall Decommissioning deferral and the impact it would have for the site and the local community.

The Chairman of the Calder Hall sub committee, Norman Clarkson commented: 'The meeting came at an opportune time given the announcement of the Calder Hall deferral earlier in the week. We held some open and frank discussions during the meeting which I felt were very useful, and helped us to understand the reasons behind the decisions'.

# Funding Issues

Funding issues became a topic for discussion at the National Stakeholder Group where it was recognised that additional funding was needed by Harwell and Winfrith for clean up projects.

It was suggested by the NDA that if SSG Chairmen felt strongly about Harwell and Winfrith requiring more funding then they could consider approaching their site licence company with a view to discussing with them the possibility of releasing some of their discretionary spending for such a purpose.

In response to the suggestion WCSSG Chair, David Moore said; “Whilst I can sympathise with Harwell and Winfrith, it is not within my remit to be finding additional funding for any of the UK sites. I see that as the role of the NDA. Any discretionary funds that would be available at the Sellafield site would hopefully be redirected back into cleaning up the nuclear legacy on that site, and I have responded accordingly to the NDA.”

# Future meetings

Please note the following dates for future meetings.

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| <b>Windscale sub committee</b>            | - | <b>Tuesday 4th September</b><br><b>Cleator Moor Civic Hall 1330hrs</b>                                                  |
| <b>Emergency Planning sub committee</b>   | - | <b>Monday 10th September</b><br><b>Cleator Moor Civic Hall 1400hrs</b>                                                  |
| <b>Low Level Waste sub committee</b>      | - | <b>Wednesday 12th September</b><br><b>Drigg Village Hall 1400hrs</b><br><b>(change of time from 1900hrs to 1400hrs)</b> |
| <b>WCSSG main scrutiny meeting</b>        | - | <b>Thursday 4th October</b><br><b>Cleator Moor Civic Hall 1300hrs</b>                                                   |
| <b>Environmental Health sub committee</b> | - | <b>Thursday 29th November</b><br><b>Cleator Moor Civic Hall 1300hrs</b>                                                 |

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