

NOTE OF A MEETING OF THE ENGAGEMENT LIAISON GROUP 2 February 2005, Ashdown House, London.

Attending

Fred Barker, Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CoRWM)
Pete Wilkinson, CoRWM
Richard Griffin, Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) Team, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
Richard Mrowicki, NDA Team, DTI
Chris Hargraves, ISOLUS Project, Ministry of Defence (MoD)

Apologies

Apologies were received from Mary Allen (CoRWM) and Jeff Kersey (CIRIA).

Declarations of Interest

FB reported that he was providing advice under contract to DTI on stakeholder engagement issues, and that he was a member of the ISOLUS Consultation Steering Group. He was attending this meeting as a member of CoRWM.

PW reported that he was also providing advice under contract to DTI on stakeholder engagement issues. He was attending this meeting as a member of CoRWM.

Publication of Note of the Meetings

The note of the previous meeting had been published on the CoRWM website, with links to the following websites:

<http://www.safegrounds.com>

<http://www.ciria.org/sdspur>

<http://www.lancs.ac.uk/users/csec/isolus2/isolus-homepage.htm>

<http://www.nda.gov.uk/>

The note of this meeting would be published in a similar way.

NDA Update

NDA staff recruitment is underway with 42 people in post and just over 100 expected by April. Executive Directors have also been appointed. The HQ is currently based at Pelham House near Sellafield.

The NDA will have four regional offices, based at or near Dounreay, Warrington, Sellafield and Abingdon. Regional Directors have been appointed.

There have been no stakeholder events since the last meeting. Assistance is being provided to help Local Liaison Committees make the transition to Site Stakeholder Groups (SSG). Regional Directors have been asked to appoint a representative to each SSG.

Staff induction includes a module on stakeholder engagement to help develop the appropriate corporate culture.

The Board has approved a stakeholder engagement strategy paper, and a programme of events. These include two rounds of regional stakeholder workshops in April/May and in Oct/Nov, and the first meeting of the National Stakeholder Group, currently planned for July.

ISOLUS Update

It was expected that the Government response to the Consultation on ISOLUS Outline Proposals (CIOP) would be available by the end of the month. This will explain the strategy to be adopted in the light of CIOP recommendations.

MoD is currently considering how to provide a system to enable participants in ISOLUS consultations to track the actions that have and will be taken against specific recommendations. A web-based approach is being investigated.

It was noted that MoD needed to be aware of the changes in stakeholder engagement arrangements around NDA sites. CH agreed to inform naval base commanders so that they could consider the implications.

CoRWM Update

CoRWM's first period of PSE was complete. Reporting arrangements are set out in CoRWM Document No 896.

Plans for CoRWM's second period of PSE (PSE2) include a further round of Nuclear Site Stakeholder Roundtables (NSSRTs), provisionally scheduled for the period 9-27 May. The potential date clashes between 6 of the NSSRTs and NDA regional workshops were discussed. It was agreed that as far as possible: (a) the NDA would organise its 6 workshops in these areas as early in April as possible, and (b) that CoRWM would organise its corresponding NSSRTs as late in May as possible. It was also agreed that CoRWM and NDA would liaise over the drafting of invite letters to explain the position to invitees.

CoRWM plans to hold its second National Stakeholder Forum in the week beginning June 6th.

The focus of discussions in PSE2 will be the proposed short-list of long-term management options, criteria for assessing short-listed options, and plans for the detailed assessment of short-listed options.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the meeting was provisionally fixed for 1.00 pm on Wednesday 1 June.