

Note for SD:SPUR Project Steering Group

SD:SPUR Information Paper on the UK Regulatory Framework for Decommissioning and the Management of Decommissioning Wastes

Draft for Comment
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This is a draft of a new information paper for the SD:SPUR Learning Network. When finalised the paper will be placed on the SD:SPUR website (www.sdspur.com), where it will be publicly available.

The paper is longer than originally intended because it seemed better to try to be comprehensive in the first instance than to have to add a considerable amount of material at a later date. There is, nevertheless, one major omission, namely a summary of the new UK policy for the management of low level radioactive waste (LLW). It is understood that the draft policy is with Ministers now (mid-February 2007). If the policy is issued in March or April 2007 it will be summarised in the paper. If the policy is delayed, the paper will be amended when the policy is available.

The draft paper is being circulated to regulatory agencies, central government departments and the devolved administrations for comment on its accuracy. It is being circulated to the SD:SPUR Project Steering Group (PSG) for comment at the same time. This will enable any differences of view to be resolved before the paper appears on the website, or noted as requiring discussion within SD:SPUR and/or elsewhere. A full list of recipients of the draft is overleaf.

The request to the PSG is for comments on the factual accuracy of the paper, including whether any parts of it are wrong, misleading, unclear or incomplete. The deadline for comments is **Friday, 16 March 2007**. Please send your comments to Jo Facer at CIRIA (Jo.Facer@ciria.org), with a copy to the author of the paper, Marion Hill (marion.hill3@btinternet.com). It would be helpful if you could send your comments in a table such as that shown overleaf. Please do not send the paper back with tracked changes and comments.

If PSG members have comments on the regulatory framework itself it is suggested that they raise them at the SAFEGROUNDS/SD:SPUR conference on 12 and 13 March 2007, or at a PSG meeting. Members may also wish to respond to one of the current or forthcoming government consultations on aspects of the regulatory framework. These can (or will) be found at:

1) consultation on *Exemption Orders under the Radioactive Substances Act* – will be at www.defra.gov.uk/environment/radioactivity/government/legislation/exemption, contact email is EO-review@defra.qsi.gov.uk

2) consultation on the *Duty of Care* for non-radioactive wastes – is at www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/waste-controls, and see also www.defra.gov.uk/environment/waste/legislation/duty

3) consultation on *exemptions from waste management licensing* – see www.defra.gov.uk/environment/waste/management/exemptions, contact email is exemptions@defra.qsi.gov.uk.

Comments Table

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<i>General comments:</i> (eg too long, too short, clear, muddled, useful, useless)	
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(eg Sec. 2.2 p7-8)	(eg very confusing, ideas would be better in the following order.....)

Thanks in advance for your comments.

List of Recipients

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Organisation	Name
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