



Site Stakeholder Group

Chair's report for SSG meeting on 28th September 2017

Since the last SSG meeting on 05/07/17 I have attended two major events of interest. Presentation slides and official reports will follow, and some information will be provided by Magnox/CFP and the NDA at the meeting, however the following is a brief summary.

Wednesday 6th September 2017 at Novotel Paddington, London meeting with Magnox SSG Chairs and Magnox Executive.

After the usual safety briefing (which is currently on industrial/electrical safety and mental health awareness) the main item of business was an update on the termination of contract. In response to questions regarding impact on staff and the local community/tax payer - we were told that overall a value of savings had still been delivered, and it was very much 'business as usual' and that projects would continue, but some senior staff would change. The NDA advised that they hoped to be in a position to announce what would come next, in the next few weeks. The Holliday enquiry will report next Spring.

There was a brief strategy update (see also magazine);

- Magnox has diverted over 90tonnes of FED from Bradwell to LLWR. We questioned how this was achieved when previously FED had to be subject to dissolution or encapsulation.
- Asbestos has been removed from 6 sites (Sizewell and Oldbury are delayed due to pacing by supply chain).
- "In situ" disposal (not "storage") was introduced as a new pathway for decommissioning (less lorries, less worker dose) - those attending questioned how this will match end states. It was confirmed that where ILW remained a site would still come under ONR.
- Magnox internal Site Closure Committee has reported on managing/maintaining aging assets with rationalisation to drive down costs - concern was expressed that local supply chain may be disenfranchised if tasks were across sites. It was confirmed that cost was not the only driver.
- Socio-economics - survey findings were that more PR needed to promote awareness of Good Neighbour and Transformation schemes.

The Magnox Chairs met privately after the main meeting to catch up on shared issues.

Sunday 17th to Tuesday 19th September annual NDA Stakeholder Summit at Energus, Cumbria. (Representatives from SCDC and SCC also attended).

Over two full days, there were speeches (with Q&A) by Tom Smith NDA Chairman, Craig Lester BEIS, David Peattie CEO NDA, Andrew Van der Lem Head of Government Relations NDA, Prof Andy Blowers Co-Chair of BEIS NFO Forum, Jamie Reed Head of Development & Community Relations Sellafield Ltd, Dr Ir Philippe Van Marcke Nuclear Engineer IAEA, Trudy Harrison local MP, Trudy Morris CEO Caithness Chamber of Commerce, Jean Llewellyn CE National Skills Academy for Nuclear, Nathan Goode Dir. The Social Value Portal, Chair of Dounreay SSG and Tom Pottinger Chairman of the Scrabster Harbour project. There were also exhibition trade stands, a separate Chairs meeting, and an optional half day tour around Sellafield.

There were also two major items of interest to report:

On day 1 it was - Waste strategy presentation from Dr James McKinney Head of Integrated Waste Management NDA, Dr Juliet Long Head of Radioactive Waste Infrastructure BEIS & Ann McCall GDF Siting & Stakeholder Engagement Director.

(It was said that Spent Fuel will not go to the GDF that Plutonium could be reprocessed with additional business being sort internationally, and the return of reprocessed waste to Germany and Japan is currently stalled despite contracts.)

On day 2 choice of 4 x breakout sessions on Socio-economics, STEM Education, Technical Innovation & Reactor Decommissioning. I choose 'Reactor Decommissioning' and at this it was announced that Magnox/NDA would be going to the Gov in March with a proposal to approve in principle an accelerated decommissioning (because there was no longer a view that leaving through a period of care and maintenance would bring sufficient benefits because remote handling would always have to be used so this could be done at higher activity/sooner). It was recognised that this would capitalise on knowledge and skills of existing staff and provide work now rather than a period of no activity/cliff face into care and maintenance during which time assets would still require funding to be maintained but concerns was raised regarding;

- potential increased worker doses,
- timeframes (with the CFP contract ending in 2019) and that it was announced in this way, with no stakeholder consultation realistically possible prior to submission to Gov, although it was promised this would follow for the site specific detail,
- that there is no solution for the waste that would be created (earlier than any GDF availability), and
- the impact on end states and the need for LAs and SSGs to now shift focus away from the model of 'care and maintenance' and to work up end states ideas/plans without detailed information at this stage as to

whether this was likely/realistic (remembering the expectations raised in 2008?)

*Requests have been made for copies of all presentations which can be shared to SSG members as soon as possible, and for more information to be provided at the SSG meeting.

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