

NuLeAF NEWS

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Here is a summary of what has been hitting the headlines, recently issued reports, consultations in progress, forthcoming meeting dates and other items of note. This is a monthly service which we are providing to those of our members who financially support our work.

Dates for your diary

The **Radioactive Waste Planning Group** will meet on 10 March at University of London, Malet Street, London, 12.30 to 3.30. Items on the agenda include a round up of local and national developments and a preliminary review of the consultation on plutonium management.

On March 22, 2011 NuLeAF is holding a **seminar on Spatial Planning and the implementation of strategy for managing nuclear industry Low Level Waste (LLW)**. Speakers include DECC, Low Level Waste Repository Ltd, and Cumbria, Suffolk and Northamptonshire County Councils. The venue will be Local Government House and the seminar will run from 11.00 to 3.30. For further details see the [seminar flyer](#).

The next **Steering Group** meeting will be held in Manchester Town Hall on April 13th, 11.00 to 3.00. DECC has been invited to give the afternoon presentation/discussion, which is likely to provide an overview of its work on radioactive waste management and opportunities to discuss any aspects thereof.

To register for these events contact catherine.draper@nuleaf.org.uk.

NDA News

- NDA has published the latest issue of [Insight](#), rounding up the latest news at its sites. Articles include: graphite options under scrutiny; change of approach to cut timeframes; construction of waste plant to begin; and historic milestone as reactors close.
- It has also published a series of scientific and technical reports explaining how it will go about developing the safety case for a Geological Disposal Facility ([Generic Disposal System Safety Case](#)).

SLC News

- Magnox North and Magnox South have combined forces to operate as [Magnox Limited](#).
- Regulators have granted approval for Oldbury to [continue operating Reactor 2](#) until 30 June 2011, which brings it in line with Reactor 1.
- The decommissioned reactors at Berkeley are the first to be put in to [SafeStore](#).

West Cumbria MRWS Partnership

The latest [meeting report](#) and [e-bulletin](#) have been published on the Partnership website, and the Partnership has [extended its thanks](#) to the people of West Cumbria for participating in discussions on the possibility of siting the Geological Disposal Facility.

CoRWM

CoRWM is running a [consultation on its effectiveness](#) and is seeking views. The closing date for submissions is 21 March 2011.

A number of documents have been published on their website since the last edition of this newsletter. These include:

- [Note of meeting with NDA Legacy Ponds & Silos](#), December 2010
- [CoRWM's response to the Energy NPS consultation](#), January 2011
- [A position paper on Public and Stakeholder engagement](#), February 2011
- [Programme Progress Report](#), February 2011
- [Letter to West Cumbria MRWS Partnership](#), February 2011
- [E-bulletin 46](#), February 2011

In the press...

"Three Somerset councils given top planning award" [This is Somerset](#)

"Sellafield's sea discharge 'will not rise dramatically' " [Whitehaven News](#)

"Mox proposal would pay firms to use recycled plutonium" [The Guardian](#)

"Communities near Hinkley Point C to get £20M " [BBC News](#)

"First stage of Cumbrian nuclear dump consultation ends" [News and Star](#)

"Sellafield activity 'will ensure UK breaks nuclear pollution promise" [The Guardian](#)

"EdF pledges £100million of 'lasting community investment' " [Burnham on Sea](#)

"The hidden history of Trawsfynydd power station" [Daily Post](#)

Updates on NuLeAF's website

The following are the items most recently posted on our website:

- [Comments on the draft revised Nuclear NPS](#)
- [Comments on the draft NDA Business Plan](#)
- [Response to draft Non Nuclear Industry LLW Strategy](#)

Other consultations and news

- DECC is consulting on the [management of UK plutonium stocks](#). The consultation closes on 10 May, 2011. Draft comments will be considered at the NuLeAF Steering Group meeting on 13 April