

# 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.

## Nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair

The Chair, Councillor Holliday from Copeland Borough Council, has indicated his willingness to continue in that role. However, the Vice Chair, Councillor Swainson from Suffolk County Council, was not re-elected to that authority in the June elections. Nominations, therefore, for the position of Vice-Chair would be particularly welcome. The procedure is:

- a councillor from any contributing member authority may be nominated for the position;
- candidates may be nominated by any member authority, and should be seconded by another member authority; and
- nominations should be submitted in writing to reach the NuLeAF secretariat before 5.00pm on Monday 12 October 2009.

Any member who wishes to discuss what is involved in the role of Vice-Chair should contact the Executive Director, Fred Barker (07803 905430).

## Forthcoming meetings

The next **Steering Group and AGM** will be held on 15 October at the Strand Campus of King's College, London.

Items for discussion at the Steering Group will include: Low Level Waste strategy and developments; Intermediate Level Waste - discussion about optimisation; interactions between nuclear legacy management and nuclear new build; the implications of the Community Infrastructure Levy; and a general progress report. The annual and finance reports will be presented to the AGM, and there will be a discussion on strategic objectives for 2010.

After lunch, Richard Waite, Acting CEO and Mark Wareing, Strategic Project Manager of the NDA will give a presentation on the NDA's 'value framework' and the way it will be used to inform decisions on its bid to the next Government spending review, and how it has been used in other worked examples e.g. in assessing business cases for specific projects.

The AGM will include: the election of Chair/Vice Chair; presentation of the annual report and financial report; and NuLeAF's strategic objectives for 2010.

To register for this meeting contact Catherine Draper at [catherine.draper@nuleaf.org.uk](mailto:catherine.draper@nuleaf.org.uk)

## In the press...

"Hundreds at nuclear waste protest" [Rutland and Stamford Mercury](#)

"Dounreay is platform for Scottish clean-up expertise" [Your Nuclear News](#)

"UK vitrified waste returns set to begin" [World Nuclear News](#)

"Base starts storing nuclear waste" [BBC News](#)

"A strategy for management of UK LLW gets nearer " [Nuclear News](#)

"Oldbury power station provides laptops to school" [Gazette](#)

## NDA News

- NDA is in advance negotiations with Westinghouse over the future of the Springfields fuel manufacturing plant. To read more about this see the [press release](#) on the NDA website.
- Caithness and North Sutherland have been awarded £75,000 by the NDA as part of a larger grant towards boosting tourism in the area. Read more about it [here](#).
- The [Intermediate Level Waste Store](#) has been opened at Trawsfynydd. This is a first for Magnox. Waste retrieved as part of decommissioning will be held here pending a long-term national solution.

## Open consultations

DCLG have two current consultations: the [examination procedures for nationally significant infrastructure projects](#) which closes on 5 October, and the [proposed introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy](#), which closes on 23 October, 2009. The latter is being considered at the SG meeting on 15 October.



## New on NuLeAF's website

The following material has been published on the NuLeAF website since the last issue of the newsletter:

- Two new consultation responses have been posted on the website: [Comments on CoRWM's Draft Report on National Research and Development](#) and Response to NDA's [UK Low Level Waste Strategy](#) consultation.
- Following improvements to the application process, [Briefing Paper 18](#) has been produced to provide *Pointers on Making a Successful Application to the NDA Socio-Economic Fund*.
- After last month's consultation with contributing member authorities, the website has undergone some slight alteration. The separate members section has been closed and the Press Cuttings and Site Stakeholder Groups sections have been moved to the main website.