

Nuclear Free Local Authorities

briefing



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Subject: **Main points from the NFLA Steering Committee Meeting
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- Publication of the 'Nirex Shortlist': 16 years of NFLA work were rewarded on 10 June with the publication of the full 537 sites considered by Nirex in England, Wales and Scotland during the late 1980s and early 1990s for geological disposal of radioactive waste. The meeting called on the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CoRWM - see following item) to pause its programme for 3 months and allow communities on the Nirex list to be properly consulted. The NFLA Secretariat issued a Briefing on Nirex to all authorities immediately following list publication. Further work to assist authorities and promote the NFLAs is planned.
- Update on Radioactive Waste Management Policy: The Committee agreed a submission, based on its guidance to all member authorities in May, to the second phase of CoRWM consultation on future radioactive waste policy. A submission by the Legal Adviser in response to the HSE's consultation about revised guidance on regulations governing nuclear decommissioning was reported.
- Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA): Development of a support network for NFLA members involved with NDA nuclear site stakeholder groups was agreed as was a proposal to seek NFLA representation on the NDA's national stakeholder group.
- New Nuclear Build Developments: Publication in May of a NFLA Briefing summarising the main case against any new nuclear build in the UK was welcomed. Press coverage of the Legal Adviser's work identifying serious deficiencies in any future nuclear station planning inquiry was noted.
- Mayors for Peace: The contribution by NFLAs to the international Mayors for Peace delegation at the 7th Nuclear Non Proliferation Review Conference held at the UN Headquarters, New York, 1-4 May 2005 was reported. The full international Mayors for Peace delegation numbered over 200 from nearly 100 towns and cities in 23 countries.
- Draft Finance Report: A draft outturn for FY 2004/05 was received showing a small surplus to carry forward into the current financial year.
- NFLA Development Adviser: The first six months of the NFLA Development Adviser's work on growing the NFLA network in Ireland, refreshing the NFLA Forums and increasing NFLA communications was welcomed. The Committee agreed a recommendation to extend the Development Adviser's contract by 6 months.
- AGM & Annual Policy Briefing: Manchester 3-4 November 2005: Managing nuclear waste, promoting alternatives to nuclear new build, and closing nuclear fuel cycle facilities were identified as key themes for the 2005 NFLA annual meeting. A programme of speakers will be considered at the next meeting.
- 8th Joint Irish & UK Local Authorities Conference on Nuclear Hazards, 23-24 March 2006: The NFLA secretariat is discussing with other interested parties a *Chernobyl Disaster 20th Anniversary Conference*. Venue options are being investigated in London.
- Date and Venue of Next Meeting: 11.00am Friday 16 September 2005, Manchester Town Hall



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