



NFLA English Forum Seminar

Major nuclear issues in England – an update

Date: Friday 24th February 2012, 12.30pm – 2.45pm

Location: East Room, Civic Hall, Portland Street, Leeds, LS1 1UR

The disastrous incident at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in Japan has raised many issues around nuclear power. There have been concerns raised over the effects on human health from radioactive exposure. Concern has also been raised on what to do with all the radioactive waste materials from the disaster. And it has raised questions on how robust would the emergency response to a major nuclear accident be in the UK if a similar incident occurred, either at a fixed nuclear site or in the transportation of nuclear materials.

The Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) has developed a detailed report on the impact of Fukushima on the UK nuclear industry, and nuclear emergency planning was a significant part of this report. The UK Government has initiated a nuclear emergency planning review in liaison with the Nuclear Emergency Planning Liaison Group. The NFLA has conducted a questionnaire of local authority emergency planning officers around the issues of nuclear emergency planning and has raised the results of this survey with the UK Government and the ONR (the report can be downloaded from its website at www.nuclearpolicy.info).

Health matters have also been raised in recent years after the German Government's KIKK study suggested a link between increased childhood cancers and proximity to nuclear power plants. This month an official French report has suggested a similar link. However, the UK COMARE report suggests no such link exists in English nuclear power plants. Who is right?

Finally, a major consultation is currently taking place in West Cumbria on whether the Councils in the area should formally express an interest to participate in finding a site for a deep underground nuclear waste repository. Is West Cumbria the place for such a repository and should the Councils go forward with this process?

This FREE seminar will consider these issues in detail. All NFLA member councils, interested non-member councillors, emergency planning / environmental and public health officers, and interested local and national nuclear and environmental groups are very welcome to attend.

FINAL PROGRAMME

12.30pm	Registration: Tea/Coffee
12.45pm	Welcome: Councillor Ralph Pryke, Leeds City Council and the NFLA English Forum Chair.
12.50pm	Dr Ian Fairlie, independent consultant on radiation in the environment – low level radiation and health, what are the risks and should we be worried about them? (confirmed)
1.20pm	Jean McSorley, independent radioactive waste consultant – West Cumbria Managing Radioactive Waste Safely process: answer to our waste problems or the start of new nuclear risks? (confirmed)
1.50pm	Sean Morris, NFLA Secretary – the UK nuclear emergency planning review and the NFLA survey of local authority readiness. (confirmed)
2.20pm	Panel Discussion
2.45pm	Conclusion



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Registration Details

The seminar is a free event open to NFLA members and officers, interested non member councillors and officers and relevant local and national interested groups.

If you are planning to attend, could you please fill in the appropriate details and post, email or fax to the address at the bottom of this form:

Name	Authority / Group	Correspondence address (email or postal)

Venue and details of accommodation:

Leeds Civic Hall is in the centre of Leeds and is a 10 minutes walk from Leeds Train Station, which has train services with all of the major towns and cities across the UK. Rotherham is close to the M1. A map can be printed off from the following web-link: http://www.leeds.gov.uk/contact_us.aspx

There are a large number of hotels in Leeds. The City of Leeds Tourist Information website - <http://www.visitleeds.co.uk> – provides all the details you may require.

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**The NFLA Secretariat would like to thank the Lord Mayor of Leeds
for agreeing to use of the East Room for this seminar.**