



Nuclear Free Local Authorities Scotland Seminar Scotland's updated radioactive waste policy – is near site, near surface 'disposal' better than retrievable storage or a deep repository?

Date: Friday June 18th, 2010

Location: Council Chamber, Livingston Civic Centre, West Lothian

Between January and April 2010 the Scottish Government published and consulted on its draft policy on higher activity radioactive waste management.

The Scottish Government policy, since June 2007, has been to support the long-term management of higher activity radioactive wastes arising in Scotland using long-term 'near surface, near site' storage facilities so that waste is both monitorable and retrievable, and transporting it over long distances is minimised. This was announced at the same time as rejecting plans to develop a deep geological disposal facility for this type of waste, which is currently being progressed in England and Wales.

The Scottish Government's draft updated Policy now also includes near surface, near site **disposal**. Furthermore, the documents make clear that **disposal will take priority over storage**. Is this change sensible and practical, or does it create long-term health and safety concerns? How will the Scottish policy interact with the quite different policy for a Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) in England? Should the updated policy be supported by Scottish Councils? How will the Scottish Government respond to the recent consultation? This **FREE** seminar will consider these issues in detail and is open to councillors and appropriate nuclear policy groups.

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| 10.30am | NFLA Scotland business meeting (<i>NFLA members only – to 12pm in the nearby Howden Park Centre</i>) followed by lunch |
| 12.40pm | Registration: Tea/Coffee |
| 1.00pm | Welcome: Councillor Euan McLeod, NFLA Scotland Convenor |
| 1.05pm | Richard Lochhead MSP, Environment Minister for the Scottish Government – why Scotland's radioactive waste management policy has been updated and how it will be delivered (invited) |
| 1.30pm | Professor Brian Clark, Committee on Radioactive Waste Management – CoRWM's view on Scotland's radioactive waste management policy (confirmed) |
| 1.55pm | Ian Fairlie, independent nuclear policy consultant and adviser to the Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances – SCCORS view on Scotland's radioactive waste management policy (confirmed) |
| 2.20pm | Pete Roche, NFLA Scotland Policy Adviser – NFLA Scotland's view on Scotland's radioactive waste management policy (confirmed) |
| 2.40pm | Panel discussion |
| 3.15pm | Conclusion |



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The seminar is a free event open to all NFLA members and officers, non member authorities and local interested community and nuclear policy 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:

Please see the attached sheet which provides directions to the Civic Centre and Howden Park Centre and bus and train stations in Livingston.

Hotels in the Livingston area include –

- Ramada Jarvis Livingston Hotel, Almondview, – 0844 815 0912
- Travelodge Livingston, The Hub, Almondvale Crescent – 0871 984 6288
- Da Vincis Hotel, Hawk Brae, Livingston – 01506 460824
- Livingston Inn, 2 Main Street, Livingston Village – 01506 461713

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