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<http://www.mayorsforpeace.org>  
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<http://www.kimointernational.org>



OSPAR RSC delegates discuss developments in radioactive discharges in the North Atlantic region

## Sellafield discharges to rise till 2016

On behalf of KIMO, the NFLA attended the OSPAR Radioactive Substances Committee (RSC) meeting. This brought together 14 Western European states, the IAEA and observers like KIMO and the WNA.

The meeting heard from its Expert Assessment Panel that, for the first

time in a number of years, radioactive discharges into the marine environment increased in 2009.

The increase is wholly down to significant discharges from the Sellafield plant – alpha emitter discharges rose by 22%, beta discharges by 9.5%, tritium by 94% and technetium by 30%.

A joint NFLA / KIMO press release raised concerns of how treaty commitments to reduce such discharges to 'close to zero' will be met given that it was acknowledged by the UK delegation that such discharges would continue to increase until at least 2016. The press release is on the NFLA website.

## NFLA responds to plethora of nuclear policy consultations

The NFLA has responded in detail to a whole range of nuclear power and radioactive waste consultations on behalf of its members.

Those responded to include:

- Reform of the Electricity Market to encourage 'low carbon' energy sources.

- Revised funding decommissioning programme guidance for new nuclear reactors.

- Consultation on an updated Waste Transfer Pricing Methodology for disposal of highly active waste from new nuclear reactors.

The UK Government has also announced a

consultation on the management of the UK stock of weapons-grade plutonium. Its preliminary view is that this material should be reprocessed at a new plant in Sellafield.

The consultation responses reflect NFLA concerns and policy and will be placed on the NFLA website shortly.

**CHERNOBYL 25<sup>TH</sup>  
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A number of events are being organised in the UK, Ireland and across Europe to commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster.

A coalition of Chernobyl charities have major events in European capitals organised.

The NFLA will formally join in a Chernobyl commemorative concert and candlelit vigil in St Ann's Church and Square on the evening of April 25<sup>th</sup>.

The NFLA are also on the panel of speakers at a special debate being held in Norwich on April 26<sup>th</sup>. NFLA members are encouraged to host their own local events.

**Letters to the media  
in February 2011:  
(All emailed to NFLA  
members.)**

- Chernobyl costs – why we are still paying
- What's the point of Ireland going for new nuclear?
- Are floating nuclear reactors a risk too far?
- Trident commission is welcome – but will it be listened too?

**Floating and submerged nuclear power plants – a new risk?**

A joint KIMO / NFLA / Greenpeace report was presented to the OSPAR RSC outlining concerns over the development of floating and submerged nuclear reactors.

The report outlined the development in Russia of small nuclear reactors which will be

floated out to remote areas in the far east to provide electricity.

The French company DNCS is also developing a concept of submerged nuclear reactors a mile out from the coastline which will be provide electricity through a connector. Both could be in place by 2013-16.

Both designs raise concerns over nuclear risks, safety and security and the report requested a ban of them in the OSPAR region.

The OSPAR RSC agreed to seek more information on this development. A NFLA Policy Briefing about this is on the NFLA website.

**NFLA All Ireland Forum seminar on OSPAR, M4P & Chernobyl**

Following the recent Irish Parliamentary elections & forthcoming Northern Irish Council elections, the NFLA All Ireland Forum will be hosting its spring seminar on the 1<sup>st</sup> April in Newry.

The seminar will consider a report on Sellafield discharges and new build on the Irish Sea coast, a

presentation on Mayors for Peace and hopefully from Chernobyl Children's Project Ireland.

Newry and Dundalk Councils will be hosting the Hiroshima-Nagasaki A-bomb exhibition in late March and through April and this will be launched officially in

Newry the night before the seminar.

NFLA Scotland are holding a business meeting in Manchester on the 25<sup>th</sup> March, prior to the NFLA Steering Committee. Seminars for the NFLA Welsh and English Forums are being devised and will be shortly after May elections.

**NDA Head of Communications to meet NFLA SC members**

The NDA's Head of Communications will attend a special meeting following the NFLA UK and Ireland Steering Committee on 25th March to discuss its ongoing engagement between the two

organisations.

The NDA National Stakeholder Dialogue meetings concluded last year due to cost savings, though the NDA have indicated a national meeting will be

held in the autumn and NFLA will be invited to attend it.

The March meeting will allow NFLA members to quiz the NDA about waste management issues.

NFLA media releases, February 2011:  
*On the NFLA website.*

- Sellafield radiation discharges, OSPAR & floating nuclear reactors
- NFLA opposes shipment of radioactive steam generators from Canada to Sweden



OSPAR RSC meeting



NFLA Hiroshima-Nagasaki A-bomb exhibition

## NFLA & KIMO seek ban of Canadian radwaste shipments

The NFLA has been co-operating with like-minded groups in Canada and the USA, and with KIMO, after the Canadian nuclear safety regulator approved shipment of 16 bus-sized radioactive steam generators from the Great Lakes for partial clean-up in Sweden. The NFLA

have written to the UK, Scottish and Irish Governments seeking them to refuse the shipments coming through their territorial waters. It also supports Canadian and American groups trying to reverse the decision.

The generators are so large that the level of

radioactive contamination is much higher than IAEA guidelines, requiring a special licence.

The shipments will come across Canada, pass the northern Scottish Islands and Norway to Sweden. Further information on them can be found at the website [ccnr.org](http://ccnr.org).

## Other news in brief

MOD submarine decommissioning (SDP) consultation – The NFLA took part in a meeting of the MOD SDP Advisory Group in Birmingham which outlined moves for a consultation on the sites for dismantling nuclear submarines. Rosyth in Fife and Devonport in Plymouth have been nominated for taking on this role.

A national stakeholder event and consultation is expected in the Autumn and the NFLA will fully take part in it.

A-bomb exhibition goes on national tour – The NFLA exhibition on the Hiroshima-Nagasaki bombings has now commenced its national tour. It was held in Dundee in February and will be in Clydebank in March. It

transfers to Ireland for hosting in Newry and Dundalk. Later in the year it will be hosted in Edinburgh, the Scottish Parliament, Lerwick, Aberdeen, Rotherham and Oxford. Further details on it are found by contacting the NFLA Secretariat.

The exhibition looks at the bombings and the current work of Mayors for Peace.

## Forthcoming NFLA meetings

NFLA Scotland Forum – March 25<sup>th</sup>, Manchester.

NFLA Steering Committee and meeting with NDA – Friday March 25<sup>th</sup>, Manchester.

NFLA All Ireland Forum - April 1<sup>st</sup>, Newry.

NFLA English and Welsh Forum are being organised and a date agreed shortly.

Joint NFLA / NCG / No Need for Nuclear seminars, Westminster – MOX / plutonium seminar in June and costs of new nuclear build in September.