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Upto 10 new nuclear sites have been nominated, including Sellafield

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## NFLA new build responses approved

At the NFLA Steering Committee meeting of the 29<sup>th</sup> January approval was given for formal submissions to the UK Government on nuclear energy and nuclear new build.

The Government has asked for responses to important Government consultations on a suite of national energy

policy statements and its draft decision to legally 'justify' the building of new nuclear power stations.

The NFLA's detailed response highlights its conviction that new nuclear build would be an expensive and risky mistake. It emphasises that renewable energy and energy efficiency

are more effective alternatives and makes the case for a local energy revolution. It also notes concerns around health and safety, fuel poverty, waste management, emergency planning. The response will be shortly placed on the NFLA website and sent to the Government and all NFLA members.

## NFLA speaking at North West Select Committee hearing

The NFLA have been requested to give an oral submission to the NW Regional Select Committee at a public hearing on the 8<sup>th</sup> February.

The Select Committee is holding an inquiry into the 'Future of the Nuclear Industry in the North West' and the NFLA's detailed written submission has been

chosen as one of those requiring further discussion at an oral hearing.

NFLA England Chair Councillor Ralph Pryke will be speaking at the hearing at a session including the Lake District National Park and the Cumbrian pressure group CORE.

The NFLA has also

provided a detailed written submission to the Energy & Climate Change Select Committee's inquiry into the National Energy Policy Statements.

Both NFLA submissions can be downloaded from the NFLA website or by contacting the NFLA Secretariat.

## NFLA supports Low Level Radiation and Health Conference

**NFLA press releases,  
January 2010:  
On the NFLA website.**

- 15<sup>th</sup> January – NFLA submission to Energy Committee
- 15<sup>th</sup> January – NFLA welcomes publication of Scottish radioactive waste management policy
- 25<sup>th</sup> January – are nuclear shipments on Irish Sea truly safe?

The NFLA Steering Committee agreed to support and help advertise the annual 'Low Level Radiation and Health Conference 2010' which is planned to be held in Oxford in June.

The Conference brings together independent

academics and consultants to consider the public health risks around exposure to lower levels of radiation.

The theme to the 2010 Conference will be the impact of nuclear new build on the radiation safety debate. A number of prominent

international experts will be involved.

The NFLA agreed to assist advertising the event and help to seek an appropriate venue. The NFLA Chair and Secretary and other NFLA representatives will participate in it.

## Scottish Government launches policy on radioactive waste

The NFLA Secretariat will respond in detail to the draft Scottish Government's Policy on the management of radioactive waste, which has been recently published.

The draft policy has a notable change from previously – the option of 'near site, near

disposal', as well as 'near site, near storage'.

Disposal is also given a greater weight. In this sense 'disposal' means waste would not be made retrievable.

The NFLA Scotland Policy Advisor attended an official Government workshop on the 29<sup>th</sup>

January.

The NFLA Scotland meeting in Inverkeithing will discuss its response to the consultation, which is open till April 9<sup>th</sup>.

The final response will be placed on the NFLA website.

## Trident replacement delayed; NFLA seminars organised



Nuclear submarine on patrol

The Defence Minister, Bob Ainsworth noted to Parliament in late January that the 'Initial Gate' work – the first part of Trident weapons replacement, has been delayed again for at

least another 6 months.

The NFLA Scotland seminar on 26<sup>th</sup> February has invited former Defence Minister Des Browne to talk on the NPT and Trident,

whilst the NFLA England seminar on 5<sup>th</sup> March has invited Baroness Williams to talk on nuclear proliferation issues. A wider Trident campaign will be developed from this.



Manchester Peace Gardens, part of the Manchester Peace Trail.

### Letters to the press in January:

#### **All are on the NFLA website.**

- How can we go for new nuclear with its poor safety record?
- Radiation risks – what about the children affected by Chernobyl
- Councils should think local and Act global

## NFLA to join Mayors for Peace delegation to the NPT

The NFLA Steering Committee meeting agreed to authorize that the NFLA Chair and the NFLA Secretary should represent it, as part of an international Mayors for Peace delegation, to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Conference at the United Nations.

The Review Conference will determine attempts to reduce stockpiles of nuclear weapons and limit worldwide nuclear weapons proliferation.

The Mayors for Peace are working with other groups on a major demonstration involving over 50,000 people to

the UN in New York.

Meanwhile, the NFLA are working on developing co-operation with Mayors for Peace for the NFLA 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the 5<sup>th</sup> November. Amongst events will be the launch of the Manchester City Centre Peace Trail.

## NFLA Forums in Fife, Oxford, Cardiff and Newry

All four national NFLA Forums are being organised in February and March 2010.

As noted above, NFLA Scotland is meeting in Inverkeithing and NFLA England is meeting in Oxford to discuss Trident, nuclear proliferation and nuclear weapons transportation.

NFLA Wales are joining with the Welsh Anti-Nuclear Alliance for a full day event on the impact of new build in Wales and the south west of England. Paul Flynn MP and Leanne Wood AM are amongst confirmed speakers.

NFLA Ireland is planning a seminar in Newry on

the radiation safety and the impact of new nuclear build on Ireland.

Business meetings will also take place and flyers are being sent out to councillors, officers and relevant groups in the first week of February.

## Forthcoming meetings

**NFLA Scotland AGM and seminar – Inverkeithing Civic Centre, 26<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

**NFLA England AGM and seminar – Oxford Town Hall, 5<sup>th</sup> March.**

**NFLA Wales / WANA seminar – Temple of Peace, Cardiff – 13<sup>th</sup> March.**

**NFLA Ireland AGM and seminar, Newry – 19<sup>th</sup> March (date and venue to be confirmed).**

Next NFLA Steering Committee – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March, Town Hall, Manchester.