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KEY WEBSITE LINKS:

NFLA: <http://www.nuclearpolicy.info>

Mayors for Peace: <http://www.mayorsforpeace.org>

2020 Vision: <http://www.2020visioncampaign.org>

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

NFLA submits views on Energy Bill

The NFLA Secretariat has made a written submission to the UK Parliamentary Energy and Climate Change Select Committee on the Draft Energy Bill.

The Select Committee has set up an inquiry into the Government's proposed reform of the electricity market. Chief Executives of all the 'big

six' utility companies and the Energy Minister Charles Hendry have already been called as witnesses.

The NFLA submission outlines its concern that the Draft Energy Bill contains a collection of £3.43bn public subsidies to fund a suite of new nuclear reactors. It also raises concerns that key

NFLA opposes Government's £1bn on nuclear sub reactors

The NFLA Secretariat has issued a media release noting its deep dismay with the UK Government's decision to spend £1bn on new nuclear reactors for the next generation of Trident nuclear-armed submarines.

The decision comes at a time when as many as 4,000 military staff are being made

redundant and up to 5 battalions abolished as 20% cuts are made to the UK defence budget.

The Government justifies the decision to assist development of the Rolls-Royce facility in Derby over the long lead-time required for developing new Trident submarine reactors.

The NFLA argue this

secondary legislation has not been published, a matter of concern to the Select Committee.

The NFLA argue the subsidies may well be illegal under European Commission state aid rules. The full report and media release can be downloaded from the NFLA's website.

makes it ever harder for Parliament to oppose Trident replacement when it is finally decided upon in 2016.

The NFLA also supports a new Scottish CND report on how to dismantle Trident subs. This report will be profiled at the next NFLA Scotland meeting in Glasgow.



NFLA submitted detailed views on nuclear subsidies for new reactors at sites like Sellafield (photo source: Greenpeace)

NFLA media releases

**June 2012:
(On the NFLA website.)**

- NFLA welcomes Welsh energy inquiry report
- Trident decision could mean £4bn wasted on a project without full Parliamentary assent
- NFLA submits nuclear subsidies report to E & CC Select Committee
- UK Government needs to stop putting unnecessary pressure on nuclear regulators
- Independent review outlines 30 key safety issues of EDF's new reactor



NFLA attended the MOD meeting on nuclear submarine dismantling. It publicised its deep dismay at £1bn being spent on Trident nuclear reactors. (Photo source: Greenpeace)



A meeting of the NFLA Steering Committee in Manchester Town Hall. A number of the councillors attending the June meeting were new NFLA representatives.

NFLA notes GDA review report – 31 safety issues to resolve

The NFLA and the local group 'Stop Hinkley' have submitted a joint media release on a nuclear safety report by the influential nuclear engineering consultancy Large & Associates.

The report considers the 'Generic Design Assessment' (GDA) for the proposed new

nuclear reactor designs by EDF-Areva and Westinghouse.

The Large & Associates report note that 31 of the 32 outstanding safety issues from the GDA have still not been resolved and are unlikely to be done so by the deadline of the end of 2012.

The report also notes a number of additional key 'Assessment findings' which may remain unresolved until well into the construction phase. Concern remains that unreasonable pressure may be put on the regulators to fulfil the timetable. Consult the NFLA website for the media release & report.

New NFLA SC members meet in Manchester

The first NFLA Steering Committee following the local elections in England, Scotland and Wales is being held in Manchester Town Hall on the 29th June.

With all-out elections in Scotland and Wales, there has been a significant change in the NFLA representatives

from some of its member authorities.

The Steering Committee is the policy-making part of the NFLA and meets in Manchester every 3 months. It discusses and endorses NFLA submissions to official consultations and its representation at nuclear stakeholder

meetings. It also receives updates on all aspects of nuclear policy and its co-operation with partner groups.

NFLA National Forum meetings are now being organised for August, September and October 2012 – see the July newsletter for details.

Submarine Dismantling Project hears MOD's next steps

The NFLA Secretary attended the first meeting of the MOD's Submarine Dismantling Project Advisory Group, following its national public consultation on the options and sites for

dismantling.

The consultation offered options for dismantling at either Rosyth or Devonport naval bases (or a combination of the two sites).

The meeting discussed consultation responses and the timetable for the project. A full report of the meeting is being written up into a NFLA Policy Briefing and will be issued shortly.

NFLA letters to the media, June 2012

(all emailed directly to NFLA members)

- UK energy policy - can DECC deliver it?
- SSE Chief Executive quite right about nuclear subsidies Bill
- Burgeoning costs of Sellafield facilities is sadly predictable
- Geothermal energy could be a key part of the new energy mix
- It is not unreasonable to be concerned about nuclear power



Mayors for Peace officer contacts discussing its future policy direction in Hanover. A follow-up meeting takes place in Norway in early July



NFLA supports a Mayors for Peace appeal to the Rio+20 Climate Change Conference calling on Governments to cut military spending in favour of sustainable development.

Mayors for Peace group meets to discuss its rapid growth

Over the past six months a small sub-group of Mayors and officers from its Executive Cities have been discussing how to develop the Mayors for Peace.

The organisation has grown ten-fold in just 8 years and its structure needs to be reviewed to

cope with the issues such rapid growth creates – translation & interpretation, regionalisation and a more robust financial underpinning of the group.

A draft note was considered by Mayors at the recent meeting of the Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign

in Vienna. It was decided to hold a further 2 day meeting to hone down a set of proposals. The NFLA Secretary will attend this meeting on the 2nd and 3rd July.

Meanwhile, Mayors for Peace staff are at the Rio+20 event lobbying national delegations.

Nuclear campaigners meet to discuss strategy & conference

A very useful meeting including groups from the wider environmental movement was being held in Manchester on the 30th June to discuss strategy and greater co-operation.

Representations from national groups, local nuclear new build opposition groups and overseas groups also

met with groups from other environmental movements – climate change groups, anti GM foods groups, gas fracking groups and the 'Occupy' movement.

Workshops considered getting the message through an ambivalent media, organising more effective campaigns, developing links across

the wider environmental movement and seeking to recruit new groups.

A future conference / network were also discussed. This aims to complement a Brussels meeting of cities that are concerned about nuclear safety and new build; being held this autumn. Details on this will follow next month.

Forthcoming meetings of interest to NFLA members

European Cities Conference on concern over nuclear power, Brussels, 25th and 26th September 2012.

NFLA Steering Committee, Manchester Town Hall, 5th October 2012.

Dates for national NFLA Forum meetings in August, September and October will be confirmed in the July NFLA Newsletter.