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## Nuclear shipments begin again

A NFLA Special Briefing raises major concerns over the safety & emergency planning regime for shipments of nuclear materials across the Irish Sea. It was recently profiled by the Sunday Herald.

The report notes some serious concern over the robustness of the ships used to transfer nuclear

waste from Sellafield and Liverpool across the Irish Sea and notes that accidents have occurred in the past.

The briefing, put together by the independent marine pollution consultant, Tim Deere-Jones, was presented recently at the NFLA All-Ireland Forum seminar and can be found at the NFLA

website.

The Sunday Herald article can be downloaded via:

[http://www.sundayherald.com/news/heraldnews/display.var.2501456.0.design\\_flaws\\_in\\_nuclear\\_transport\\_ships\\_increase\\_the\\_risk\\_of\\_accident\\_s\\_claims\\_report.php](http://www.sundayherald.com/news/heraldnews/display.var.2501456.0.design_flaws_in_nuclear_transport_ships_increase_the_risk_of_accident_s_claims_report.php)



NFLA All-Ireland Chairs Cllrs Dearey and Carr with Environment Minister John Gormley and NFLA Secretary Sean Morris

## Uranium trade expert at NFLA Conference

The leading independent nuclear power consultant, JW Storm van Leeuwen has agreed to speak at the NFLA Annual Conference, which is on the 12<sup>th</sup> June in Manchester. He is a particular expert on the uranium trade and will be talking

on the subject of 'Nuclear power, energy security and climate change' at the conference.

The Annual Conference will also hear a presentation from the Mayor of Ypres, best practice local authority presentations on tackling climate change, and leading

speakers raising issues around nuclear proliferation. Registration details will be sent to all member authorities – please register NOW!

Further details are available from the NFLA Secretariat on 0161 234 3244. All members have been sent the conference programme.

## NFLA Ireland Chair on Radio Cumbria

### NFLA Recent Press Releases:

#### What is the Future Energy Mix for Wales?

[http://www.nuclearpolicy.info/news/Wales\\_press\\_release\\_010409.pdf](http://www.nuclearpolicy.info/news/Wales_press_release_010409.pdf)

#### NFLA Shares Concerns with Norway over critical accident at Sellafield. 27th March 2009

[http://www.nuclearpolicy.info/news/Press\\_Release\\_270309.pdf](http://www.nuclearpolicy.info/news/Press_Release_270309.pdf)

#### NFLAs call on Government to hold a nuclear enquiry and stop delaying the local energy revolution, 24th March 2009

[http://www.nuclearpolicy.info/news/NFLA\\_JustificationPR240309.pdf](http://www.nuclearpolicy.info/news/NFLA_JustificationPR240309.pdf)

#### Councillor Bill Risby Tribute 16th March 2009

[http://www.nuclearpolicy.info/news/Cllr\\_Risby\\_Tribute.pdf](http://www.nuclearpolicy.info/news/Cllr_Risby_Tribute.pdf)

### Stop press!

The NFLA Chair and Secretary, NFLA Scotland Vice Chair and Secretary will be part of the Mayors for Peace team at the NPT PrepCon in New York in May. Pictures and content in the next NFLA newsletter.

NFLA All-Ireland Chair, Councillor Mark Dearey, spoke live on BBC Radio Cumbria's popular breakfast show reiterating the NFLA's opposition to new nuclear build and the use of renewable energy to tackle climate change. Councillor Dearey noted the opposition of Irish

Councils, the Irish Government and foreign governments, such as Norway, to the Sellafield plant and said it would be foolhardy to develop new plants in Cumbria. The interview can be listened at by downloading from: [http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p002kdsx/Breakfast\\_with\\_Gordon\\_Swindlerst\\_31\\_03\\_2009/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p002kdsx/Breakfast_with_Gordon_Swindlerst_31_03_2009/)

[02kdsx/Breakfast with Gordon Swindlehurst 31 03 2009/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p002kdsx/Breakfast_with_Gordon_Swindlerst_31_03_2009/) (it is around 1hour 35 minutes into the transmission)

## Nuclear New Build Consultations – firm NFLA responses

### Justification for new nuclear power stations consultation

The NFLA have urged the Government to hold a full public inquiry before 'justifying' by law any new nuclear power stations. An overview of the response can be found at: [http://www.nuclearpolicy.info/docs/consultations/NFLA\\_JustificationResponse.pdf](http://www.nuclearpolicy.info/docs/consultations/NFLA_JustificationResponse.pdf)

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### 11 sites nominated for new nuclear build programme

The Government has nominated 11 sites as potential locations for new nuclear power stations. A public consultation on these sites is in

place until May 14<sup>th</sup>. The NFLA will fully participate in this consultation and inform members of how to submit appropriate local responses. The web-link for the consultation is: <http://www.nuclearpolicy.info/decc.gov.uk/>

## NFLA Welsh Forum elects new Chair

Councillor David Sage, Deputy Leader of Bridgend Council, was elected as the NFLA Wales Chair at its recent AGM. Councillor Sage is involved in a charity which helps children in Belarus affected

by the Chernobyl disaster and is delighted to be involved in the NFLA. At its recent meeting in Bridgend the Forum heard from Gordon James of Friends of the Earth

on the options for tidal power on the Severn estuary and from Tim Richards of WANA on prospects for new nuclear build in Wales.



NFLA Ireland members signing the Hiroshima Nagasaki Protocol

### Letters to the press

Recent published NFLA letters include:

#### Troublesome truths of nuclear:

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/letters/Troublesome-truths-behind-guest-for.5184468.jp>

#### Nuclear shipments:

[http://www.sundayherald.com/news/heraldnews/display.var.2501456.0.design\\_flags\\_in\\_nuclear\\_transport\\_ships\\_increase\\_the\\_risk\\_of\\_accident\\_s\\_claims\\_report.php](http://www.sundayherald.com/news/heraldnews/display.var.2501456.0.design_flags_in_nuclear_transport_ships_increase_the_risk_of_accident_s_claims_report.php)

#### Nuclear costs:

[http://www.theherald.co.uk/features/letters/display.var.2501744.0.when\\_it\\_comes\\_to\\_the\\_future\\_of\\_power\\_sources\\_scotland\\_cannot\\_be\\_considered\\_in\\_isolation.php](http://www.theherald.co.uk/features/letters/display.var.2501744.0.when_it_comes_to_the_future_of_power_sources_scotland_cannot_be_considered_in_isolation.php)

#### The problems of nuclear power:

<http://www.thisisleicestershire.co.uk/letters/Problems-nuclear-power/article-839122->

## All Ireland Forum addressed by Environment Minister

The Irish Environment Minister gave the keynote address to the recent All-Ireland Forum meeting in Dundalk reiterating the nuclear free status of the Republic as enshrined in law. He welcomed the work of the Forum and hope it expanded across Ireland. The meeting also

received presentations from Tim Deere-Jones (as noted above), the Irish Department of the Environment, the Irish Radiological Protection Institute and Mayors for Peace. Councillors in attendance signed personal support for the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Declaration. Joint

Irish Chairs Councillor Mark Dearey (Dundalk Town Council) and Councillor Michael Carr (Newry and Mourne Council) were re-elected for 2009/10.

## NFLA Scotland holds AGM / NFLA England holds waste event

**Councillor Euan McLeod**, Glasgow City Council and Councillor Audrey Doig, Renfrewshire Council, were elected as Convenor and Vice Convenor of NFLA Scotland at its recent meeting in Dundee. The meeting received a number of reports from the NFLA Scotland Policy Adviser, Pete Roche

and formally thanked the outgoing NFLA Chair, Councillor Mike Rumney of Fife Council with an official presentation.

The English Forum is holding a well-attended and highly informative seminar in Lancashire County Hall on 24<sup>th</sup> April on the implications of developing a radioactive waste

repository. The meeting was addressed by former Nirex and CoRWM member Andy Blowers, Brian Clark of the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management and Jean McSorley of Greenpeace.

## Forthcoming meetings

NFLA Steering Committee, memorial event for Councillor Bill Risby and Annual Conference - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June, Manchester Town Hall

NFLA Scotland – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June, Lerwick Town Hall

NFLA Wales / England joint meeting – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June, Liverpool Town Hall (tbc)

NFLA All Ireland – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October, Bray Civic Offices, Republic of Ireland