



**NFLA English Forum Autumn Seminar (in association with ICAN & NIS)  
Nuclear safety concerns in the defence sector; and  
where next for UK energy policy – an update for  
Councils**

**Date: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

**Location: Oxford Friends Meeting House, 43 St Giles, Oxford, OX1 3LW**

For many years, the NFLA has been concerned about the safety and emergency planning risks of UK civil and defence nuclear sites; and over the transportation of radioactive materials and nuclear weapons. In this seminar, NFLA will provide Councils and concerned groups with an update of some recently alarming issues, particularly in the defence nuclear sector.

The operators of the Atomic Weapon Establishments in Aldermaston and Burghfield remain in 'special measures' for an unprecedented third year. What does that mean, and why should this concern Councils?

The seminar will also consider the safety of the transportation of nuclear materials. NFLA is involved in raising concerns over incidents and public awareness of the risks of such transportations, whether road transport of nuclear weapons, rail transport of radioactive waste or sea transport incidents. The seminar will focus on some of these concerns and why Councils need to be aware of them.

With the Trident replacement issue likely to come before Parliament in early 2016, and a passionate debate taking place across Britain, what also are the prospects for the weapons programme being renewed, and what is the wider international debate on nuclear weapons looking like?

Finally, the first Council-owned and run Energy Company since energy nationalisation in 1948 was launched by Nottingham City Council in the late summer. Many other Councils are considering it. With cuts to renewable subsidies also taking place, and a big push for new nuclear and fracking is it possible to develop LA energy schemes and support community energy programmes in England at the moment?

This FREE seminar will consider such questions and provide some expert contributions. All NFLA member councils, interested non-member councillors and officers, relevant trade associations and interested local and national groups are very welcome to attend.

***PROGRAMME (speakers are subject to change)***

10.00am	<b>Registration:</b> Tea/Coffee
10.30am	<b>Welcomes:</b> Councillor Van Coulter, Oxford City Council and Councillor David Blackburn, NFLA English Forum Chair.
10.35am	Defence nuclear sector safety – why are the Atomic Weapon Establishments in special measures and what concerns are there over defence nuclear safety? Peter Burt, Research Manager, Nuclear Information Service (confirmed)
11.00am	Nuclear weapon convoys – an ongoing public safety risk? Nigel Day, Nukewatch (confirmed)
11.30am	Trident replacement and the international nuclear disarmament debate – prospects over the next year. Rebecca Sharkey, International Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons (ICAN-UK) (confirmed)
12.00pm	Hinkley C, renewable energy cuts and prospects for local authority energy policies – what may happen next? Sean Morris, NFLA Secretary (confirmed)
12.30pm	Panel Discussion
1pm	Seminar close



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**Registration Details**

The seminar is a free event open to NFLA members and officers, interested non member councillors and officers and relevant local and national interested 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:**

The Oxford Friends / Quakers Meeting House is on St Giles in Oxford city centre just before the junction of Banbury Road and Woodstock Road and very close to the famous 'Eagle and Child' pub. For a map please go to their website <http://www.oxfordquakers.org>.

Tourist and hotel accommodation can be found at: <http://www.visitoxford.org>. The website <http://www.universityrooms.com/oxfordrooms> is useful if you are looking to get a reasonably priced room at one of the Oxford Colleges.

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The NFLA Secretariat thanks officers and councillors in Oxford City Council for supporting this Forum meeting and for Oxford Quakers for kindly hosting it.