

NuLeAF and Geological Disposal

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Who we are



- Special Interest Group (SIG) of the Local Government Association
- England and Wales – SCCORS the Scottish equivalent
- Founded in 2002 at instigation of Cumbria and Manchester Councils
- NFLA involved in founding NuLeAF and remain a key voice in the organisation
- 110 local authorities and 2 National Parks are members – diverse views
- Funding from RWM, NDA and members
- Only concerned with legacy wastes – no position on new nuclear power

Objective



That policy, strategy and practice for all nuclear waste and legacy issues has the interests of local authorities as a central concern, leading to the best possible outcomes for the communities they serve

Aims



- Identify, where possible, a common, local government viewpoint on nuclear legacy management issues;
- represent member authorities, in discussion with Government, the NDA and the regulators;
- seek to influence policy and strategy for nuclear legacy management in the interests of affected communities
- develop the capacity of member authorities to engage with nuclear legacy management at a local level.

Engagement and Capacity Building



- Engagement with Government and NDA to shape strategy and policy
- Attend TOGs and DOGS etc
- Consultation responses and Briefing papers
- Radioactive waste planning group
- Social media – website, Twitter, LinkedIn, Knowledge Hub
- Seminar and events

Key work areas



- Influencing Government and NDA Strategy and Policy
- Work with NDA, Sellafield and Magnox on site decommissioning and remediation
- Geological Disposal – more on that shortly!
- Low level waste management
- Land use planning
- Community benefits and socio-economics
- Submarine Dismantling Project

Geological Disposal: Context



- Higher Activity Waste a major challenge – need to ensure best long term solution
- Differing views, but broad international scientific consensus on deep geological disposal in a GDF
- In UK, COWRM recommended geological disposal as best way forward
- Countries that have decided that geological disposal is the best way forward include Sweden, Finland, Canada, USA, Germany, France, Japan, South Korea, Belgium.

Geological Disposal: UK approach



- Scottish Government policy for disposal in near surface facility
- UK Government support for geological disposal – supported by Welsh and NI Governments
- Previous MRWS process collapsed
- New White Paper launched in 2014
- Communities will be able to enter from summer 2017

Geological Disposal: NuLeAF position



- Policy statement discussed and agreed – issued 2007
- Accepted that there were differing views among members on geological disposal
- Gave qualified endorsement of policy of geological disposal
- Supported continued research and openness to other long term management options if they emerge as practical alternatives

Geological Disposal: Current NuLeAF work



- Community Representation Working Group (CRWG) – recently concluded
- Geological Screening and materials
- Land use planning - NSIP
- Consultations later this year
- NuLeAF representing local authorities as a whole, not any individual bid

Geological Disposal: Key issues



- How do you define 'the community'?
- Role of local authorities
- Who should be on local siting partnerships?
- Test of public support – how?
- Community investment – how managed
- Right of Withdrawal
- Role of 'experts' in relation to geology and technical issues

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