

# NDA Update for DSG

March 2025



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### **NDA Stakeholder Update**

Please find below a brief update on main points of interest since the last meeting.

# **Government Update**

David Peattie, along with Corhyn Parr and Euan Hutton, appeared before the Energy and Net Zero committee (ESNZ) on the 18<sup>th</sup> December and answered questions on a wide variety of subjects connected to the NDAs mission. The hearing is available to view online here.

The Government laid a Written Ministerial Statement (WMS) in House of Commons on Friday 24 January identifying that DESNZ will work with the NDA to immobilise the UK owned civil separate plutonium inventory at Sellafield. The WMS can be found <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a> and the press release from NDA <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

#### **Board updates**

The NDA group's All Boards Event took place over 3 and 4 December 2024. It
brought together board members from the NDA, Sellafield, NRS, NWS and
NTS to network and welcome new appointments to the group. The
programme's main topics of discussion included mission delivery and strategy,
future funding challenges and opportunities, and further group alignment
under the One NDA model

#### **Outreach activities**

- On the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> January the UK decommissioning sector came together in Telford. On the 15<sup>th</sup> DECOM 25 took place with delegates from across the decommissioning sector discussing a whole range of topics, including the development of the UK sites and the opportunities for the supply chain, the skills needed to succeed, decommissioning in other sectors and the challenges of preparing for the future of decommissioning. On the 16<sup>th</sup> January there was an NDA supply chain event proving 1700 delegates the opportunity to connect with 300 exhibiting companies.
- We are in the process of developing and designed our next broad stakeholder survey. More details will be available in due course.
- The last CPG took place in December 2024 at the Scottish Parliament with the main topic being 'Radioactive Waste - dealing with the legacy'. Topics including how waste was generated, how it is dealt with in Scotland, movement of waste located in Scotland and non-energy sources of radioactive waste. There were



around 40 attendees both in person and via Teams. The next CPG will be held in Annan close to CPX site with the main topic being 'Site End States'.

• The first Wales CPG took place at the Senedd in January 2025.

# **Engagement priorities for 2025**

- As mentioned in previous updates, we have undertaken an independent review into the SSGs. This exercise provides an opportunity to reflect on the successes of the stakeholder voice in the local community over the last 20 years and how best to address some of the challenges that face us as we think about the future. Following the conclusion of the report we are working with the chair and vice chair of the National Site Stakeholder forum on implementation.
- Nuclear week in Parliament took place at the end of January with the NDA and NDA group Operating Companies hosting events. The event included a Scottish Round Table hosted by NRS AND Jamie Stone MP.
- As you will be aware preparation is underway for **Strategy V** which we expect
  to publish in March 2026. Our strategy document is published every 5 years
  and describes our high-level approach to delivering our mission. Within that
  we identify several critical enablers essential to the successful delivery of our
  mission including public and stakeholder engagement. The strategy will go
  out to consultation in May 2025.

## Publications, public service and policy updates

- As previously advised, we expect the Scottish Government to start its review into its policy for higher activity radioactive waste (HAW) over the next few weeks. The policy framework is set out in a 2011 Policy and the 2016 Implementation Strategy.
- Following the publication of the Chapelcross masterplan in August 2024, the NDA has been leading work to identify a strategic partner for the development that will deliver the vision for the site's transformation into a green energy hub. We are now evaluating the proposals form potential partners and hope to be able to make an announcement this Spring.



 DESNZ has <u>opened a consultation</u> on the draft of the new nuclear National Policy Statement (EN-7), applicable to nuclear power stations expected to deploy beyond 2025. The consultation closes midday 3 April.

# Mission delivery

• The NDA recently launched its brand-new, specialised cyber facility to accelerate collaboration and innovation across nuclear operators and the supply chain, enhancing the collective ability to successfully defend against cyber threats. The Group Cyberspace Collaboration Centre (GCCC) provides a space for experts in cyber, digital and security to come together and share knowledge and learning on how best to defend against evolving threats. The centre is a multi-functional space for collaborating, brainstorming, workshops, talks, learning and tutorials, cyber exercising, incident management and more. It aims to encourage our cyber, digital and security experts to think and work differently, with our shared future foremost in mind.

Thank you for taking the time to read our update. If you have any questions, please feedback through the Secretariat or raise with the NDA official at the SSG meeting.

