

**Geological Disposal Programme Board**  
**14:00 – 15:30, Friday 23 January 2015**  
**3 Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2HH**

**Attendees**

Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC)  
HM Treasury (HMT)  
Welsh Government  
Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA)  
Radioactive Waste Management Limited (RWM)  
Ministry of Defence (MoD)  
Shareholder Executive (ShEx)

**Apologies**

Department for Communities & Local Government (DCLG)

**Minutes and actions from last meeting**

1. The minutes of the 17 October 2014 meeting were agreed in correspondence after the meeting and published on the DECC website. The actions from that meeting had all been completed.

**Programme Highlight Report**

2. The Board noted that progress was being made across the 'initial actions' set out in the GDF White Paper, published in July 2014. RWM was developing the draft guidance for national geological screening and had held a number of meetings with specialists and non-specialist audiences to raise awareness of the work. DECC had held an introductory meeting of the Community Representation Working Group (CRWG) and intended to publish the Terms of Reference for the group shortly.
3. The Board also noted that the second Triennial Review of the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CoRWM) was due to launch on 27 January and would run for six weeks. The purpose of the review was to provide a robust challenge to the continuing need for CoRWM with regard to both its functions and form, in line with the Cabinet Office-mandated process of reviewing the functions of non-departmental public bodies (NDPBs).
4. It was reported that RWM had made appointments to the GDF Siting Director and Stakeholder Engagement and Communications Director roles. Starting dates for both will be 9 March 2015.

**GDF Programme Management & Baselining Initial Actions**

5. DECC informed the Board that the initial actions work had been 'baselined' to ensure a shared expectation between government and the developer of when key milestones would be met up to end 2016.
6. The Board agreed the baselined work programme, the associated milestones as a basis for reporting to GDPB, and the programme management arrangements

for the Initial Actions Project.

### **National land-use planning – update**

7. DECC informed the Board that a draft Order to amend the Planning Act 2008 (in order to bring GDFs and associated borehole investigations within the definition of nationally significant infrastructure projects) had been laid in Parliament on 12 January.
- **Action 1: DECC, RWM and planning colleagues to ensure that a coordinated and consistent approach to the practicalities of applying the planning process is adopted.**

#### Meetings scheduled for 2015

- 3 March
- 5 May
- 2 July
- 3 September
- 3 November