

Geological Disposal Programme Board
14:00-16:00, Tuesday 12 April 2016
3 Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2AW

Attendees

Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC)
HM Treasury (HMT)
Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA)
Radioactive Waste Management Limited (RWM)
Welsh Government (WG)
Environment Agency (EA)
Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR)
Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CoRWM) – observer

Apologies

Department for Communities & Local Government (DCLG)
Ministry of Defence (MoD)
UK Government Investments (UKGI)

Minutes from last meeting

1. The minutes of the 1 March 2016 meeting were agreed in correspondence after the meeting and published on the DECC website.

GDF High-Level Programme Review

2. The forecast for the GDF Programme was discussed, including the timing of upcoming consultations and the impact of the EU referendum and resulting Purdah period.

Communications planning

3. RWM's strategic communications partner has developed a three year strategic communications programme. This will be presented and developed further with DECC.
4. DECC gave an update on the 'public dialogue' events that were carried out as part of 'open policy making' in the development of the 'Working with Communities' policy.
5. The revised plans for the National Policy Statement (NPS) consultation will be presented at the next GDPB meeting.

RWM Transition Programme Update

6. RWM gave an update on their organisational development plans. The organisational readiness review is underway, and interviews have commenced as part of this.

Update on progress with Initial Actions

7. **National Geological Screening** – the revised Guidance, the detailed technical instructions and the RWM ‘response to consultation’ report were [published](#). British Geological Survey will then work to implement the Guidance and produce the screening outputs.
8. **Working with Communities** – the eighth Community Representation Working Group (CRWG) meeting took place on 9 March. The final CRWG meeting took place on 20 April, to discuss final advice on community representation, community investment and the test of public support.
9. **National Land-use Planning** – the final amendments are being made to the draft National Policy Statement (NPS). Preparation is underway for the draft NPS consultation.
10. **Regulation and licensing** – work continues on the delivery of the two main outputs (i) revising legislation to bring GDFs within the licensing regime and (ii) the joint ONR/EA guidance on GDF licensing.

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11. The next meeting is scheduled for 10 June 2016.