

Geological Disposal Programme Board
14:00-16:00, Friday 16 September 2016
3 Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2AW

Attendees

Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)
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 12 April 2016 meeting were agreed in correspondence after the meeting and published on the GDPB web page.

GDPB Governance Refresh

2. The short-term GDPB Governance is being reviewed to improve decision-making within the GDF Programme leading up to the launch of the siting process, expected in 2017 subject to Ministerial agreement. The Board discussed responsibilities and accountabilities of the different levels of governance, and appropriate membership. A number of points were raised including; options for board composition, the need to be able to invite ad hoc members depending on agenda items, and appropriate levels of seniority of attendees.

Update on progress with Initial Actions and Preparations for Siting

3. **National Geological Screening** – RWM continue to work with the British Geological Survey to implement the Guidance and produce the screening outputs. These will be reviewed by the Independent Review Panel (IRP) in early 2017.
4. **Working with Communities** – Policy proposals have been developed that draw on the input of the Community Representation Working Group and the evidence base, including a literature review, case studies and public dialogue workshops. Depending on ministerial views, these proposals will be subject to public consultation.
5. **National Land-use Planning** – the final amendments are being made to the

draft National Policy Statement (NPS) and the supporting environmental appraisals. Preparation is underway for the NPS consultation.

6. **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.
7. **RWM's Preparation for Siting** – RWM are working closely with BEIS on implementation of the working with communities policy.
8. **Welsh policy update** – Welsh Government are planning stakeholder events for later this year, ahead of their consultation on community engagement and siting processes in 2017.

Future agenda items

9. There was a discussion on future agenda items. Suggestions included:
 - Coordination of consultations e.g. UK and Welsh consultations
 - Regulation and licensing
 - Strategic Outline Programme Business Case (SOPBC)
 - Future communications and engagement planning

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10. The next meeting is scheduled for 15 November 2016.