

# **GDIB Terms of Reference**

## **The Role of the Geological Disposal Implementation Board (GDIB)**

### **Mission Statement**

The Geological Disposal Implementation Board has been established with the objective of enhancing Ministerial oversight of the implementation of geological disposal. It will enable local communities, the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CoRWM), key waste consignors, regulators and NGO's to provide direct input to the implementation of this programme. By so doing it is intended to help establish a delivery programme for geological disposal that is as robust as possible with increased visibility for key external stakeholders.

### **Terms of Reference**

To bring together Government, potential host communities, CoRWM, the key waste producers, regulators and NGOs to facilitate dialogue and engagement in order to:

- Advise Government on the successful implementation of geological disposal for higher activity radioactive wastes;
- Foster better shared understanding of the issues involved as the programme develops and moves forwards;
- Ensure DECC is aware of the views of key stakeholders on the geological disposal implementation programme;
- Bring challenge and hold DECC to account for delivery of its programme of work set out in the White Paper and now reported on annually to Parliament.

### **Working Principles and Practices**

- The Forum, which will meet two to three times a year, is chaired by the Minister for Energy. Membership is intended to include senior representatives from Government, potential host communities, CoRWM, key waste producers, regulators and NGO's
- Membership is by invitation only and is on an individual basis. Forum participants will draw on their experience as members of their respective organisations to contribute to the oversight of the implementation of geological disposal.
- This is a stakeholder forum which proceeds through partnership; members are not required to commit to any particular solution or programme of work.
- GDIB must be able to discuss issues that may be commercially or politically sensitive, without prejudicing the interests of attending organisations. Members will be entitled to discuss possible changes of policy or practice without implying the approval of their companies, ministers, etc
- Minutes of GDIB and presentations given to the meeting will be published on the DECC website following each meeting.

## Attendees

### **Chair:**

Minister of State for Energy

### **Members:**

DECC Senior Responsible Officer

Welsh Assembly Government

HM Treasury

Ministry of Defence

NDA - Chief Executive

NDA - Responsible Executive Director

NDA - RWMD Managing Director

Community Siting Partnership(s) [following Decision to Participate]

### **Observing Members:**

NuLeAF [Representing wider local Government]

Nuclear Waste Advisory Associates [Representing Non Governmental Organisations]

The Committee on Radioactive Waste Management

The Environment Agency

Health and Safety Executive

Department for Transport

EdF Energy

Horizon Nuclear Power

NuGeneration

Nuclear Industry Association

Local Authorities that have expressed an interest\*

### **To see papers:**

The Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (Shareholder Executive)

Northern Ireland (Represented at the meeting by Welsh Assembly Government)

\*Membership offered but not taken up. To be left open should an authority want to observe at a later date.