

Annex A: Response form for the consultation document on revised Funded Decommissioning Programme Guidance for New Nuclear Power Stations

You may respond to this consultation by email or by post.

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Respondent Details	
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Please return by 8 March 2011 to:

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Consultation questions	
1	Do you agree or disagree that the draft guidance sets out what an approvable Funded Decommissioning Programme should contain to ensure that operators of new nuclear power stations (i) estimate the potential costs of decommissioning, waste management and waste disposal and (ii) make prudent provision for meeting their liabilities? What are your reasons?
Response	<p>Northern Ireland Environment Agency Natural Heritage has nil comment to make in relation to the key changes to the Guidance since the 2008 consultation.</p> <p>NIEA Natural Heritage agreed that:</p> <p>The operator must demonstrate that the plans set out in the FDP for the decommissioning of the site and for the management and disposal of waste arisings are realistic, clearly defined and achievable, and are capable of being undertaken in a way which is consistent with the requirements and expectations of the relevant safety, security and environmental regulators;</p> <p>The operator should demonstrate to the Secretary of State that, as part of its record keeping processes, it will maintain an accurate record of the design of the nuclear island(s) and any other aspect of the site which gives rise to liabilities to be included in the DWMP and that</p> <p>The Investment Strategy is to include the Fund's policy on the extent to which social, environmental or ethical considerations are taken into account in investment decisions.</p> <p>These measures should help ensure that adequate consideration and protection is afforded to environmental interests.</p>
2	Does the draft guidance contain sufficient information to enable operators of new nuclear power stations to understand the matters that their funded decommissioning programmes should contain?
Response	<p>NIEA NATural Heritage has one query:</p> <p>Does the liability referred to within the draft guidance incorporate environmental liabilities?</p>

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