Geological Disposal Programme Board (GDPB)
10:00 – 13:00, Wednesday 30th May 2018
(RWM), Harwell, OX11 0RH

Present:

Stephen Speed	**Chair** - Director Nuclear Directorate, Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) & Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) SRO
Umran Nazir	GDF Programme Director, BEIS
Bruce McKirdy	Managing Director, Radioactive Waste Management Ltd (RWM)
Peter Welch	Head of Programme Waste Management, NDA

Attendees:

Malcolm Morley	RWM Chair
John Corderoy	RWM Programme Director
Ann McCall	RWM Siting and Engagement Director
RWM Chief Policy Advisor	RWM Team
BEIS Head of Geological Disposal	BEIS GDF Team
BEIS WWC Policy Lead	BEIS GDF Team
BEIS NPS Policy Lead	BEIS GDF Team
BEIS Policy Lead	BEIS GDF Team
GDF Programme Manager	BEIS GDF Team
BEIS Project Manager	BEIS GDF Team
RWM Project Manager	RWM Team
RWM Policy Lead	RWM Team
GDPB Secretariat	BEIS GDF Team
WG Policy Lead	Welsh Government
Campbell Gemmell	Acting Chair Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CoRWM) – Observer

Item 1 – Welcome and Chair's Opening Remarks

1. Stephen Speed welcomed the members of GDPB for the May Meeting, and thanked the RWM team for hosting the meeting.

Item 2 – Minutes and Actions from Last Meeting

2. A) The minutes of the 23rd April 2018 Board were agreed and will be published on the GDPB page of the Gov.uk website.
   B) The BEIS Project Manager updated the board on the current status of the actions on the Actions Log. All actions were complete or in hand.

Item 3 – Infrastructure Projects Authority (IPA) Project Assessment Review (PAR) Update

3. The BEIS Project Manager gave a verbal update on the preparations made for the forthcoming PAR of the GDF programme including the proposed scope of the review, interview schedules and review team members.

Item 4 – IPA Recommendation Status Reports from November 2017 PAR

4. Status reports for each of the 13 IPA recommendations from the November 2017 PAR were presented to the board for consideration. The Board were satisfied that the majority of the recommendations had been implemented and agreed that they had been completed. The Board were also satisfied that demonstrable progress was being made on the few remaining long-term recommendations.

Item 5 – Red Team Review Report

5. The BEIS Policy Lead and RWM Policy Lead updated the board on the Report from the Red Team Review of the compatibility between the proposed Working with Communities policy and the proposed GDF Siting Process. The Red Team Review was held to address a specific recommendation from the November 2017 PAR. The board were pleased with the proposed Report, discussed the best approach to fulfilling the recommendations and requested an Action Plan for the next meeting.

Item 6 – Working with Communities (WWC) policy

6. Following detailed analysis of the WWC consultation responses, the BEIS WWC Policy Lead updated the Board on the Government's current WWC policy proposal. The BEIS Policy Lead also discussed areas where the consultation highlighted the need for further clarification in certain areas.

7. The WG Policy Lead gave a verbal update on the responses to the Welsh Working with Communities Consultation and its analysis. The WG will continue to work with BEIS and CoRWM in the development of their policy to ensure consistency of application across England and Wales.

8. The RWM Chair updated the board on RWM's response to the WWC consultation and presented several questions and scenarios to the board for further investigation and discussion.

Item 7 – GDF National Policy Statement (NPS) Update

9. The BEIS NPS Policy Lead provided the board with an update on the emerging themes from the recent NPS consultation and current planning proposals on the Parliamentary Scrutiny of the NPS.

Item 9 – Programme Reporting

10. Risk – The GDF Programme Manager gave a short update to the Board on the programme's key risks and reminded the Board that the Programme Risk Workshop was the following day in London.

11. Stephen Speed noted that this was BEIS Head of Geological Disposal's last board meeting before their parental leave. Stephen and the board thanked them for the years of commitment to the project and wished them all the best for parenthood.

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12. The Chair thanked everyone for their time and closed the meeting.
13. The next meeting is scheduled for June 2018.