

Response from Greater Manchester SERA

Dear DECC colleagues

Among the many concerns I have about the Funded Decommissioning Programme (FDP) are the issues of the public being liable for extra costs and future decommissioning of unnecessary new build nuclear plant. Without guarantees now that future generations will not pick up the cost of waste management for millennia, no responsible government can sanction any new nuclear plants.

There is very little likelihood of any reasonable Waste Transfer Price (WTP) being set when costs of the repository for new build wastes make huge assumptions that this will be built to time and to budget. Where is the necessarily huge time-scale of waste management costs within the WTP? The record of the nuclear industry is a clear indication that the public purse will again be raided to provide private profit and a lethal legacy of wastes for future generations to manage safely for millennia.

Again I suggest no responsible government would proceed with these dangerous plans. Also the claim that nuclear power represents a low carbon energy source is false, as any analysis which looks at the full fuel cycle will show.

With little hope that these concerns will be treated seriously, yours

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