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Subject: Managing Radwaste Consultation Process

Dear Sir or Madam

Please find my views on the current radwaste consultation process and how it may be improved.

The current approach is to source local areas that are minded to accept radwaste repositories and to get their approval. This is first done on a district level and then approval is sought from the wider regional level.

In the past districts in West Cumbria and Kent, both of which have nuclear facilities in the local area and where the local population has a good knowledge and appreciation of the excellent safety record of the nuclear industry have expressed a desire to have radwaste facilities sited in their district. However subsequently the approval decision has been moved to the wider County Council where active campaigns based on emotive rationales have been successfully mounted for a 'no' vote. This has lead to the local areas views being over-ruled and in my view against the original intention of the current consultation process.

Accordingly the consultation process should be changed to allow radwaste repository siting based on approval at the District level.

Regards

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