

NOTE OF CORWM ANNUAL REPORT MEETING, 14TH JUNE 2013, MANCHESTER

Secretariat

Present: (CoRWM): Laurence Williams (Chair), Brian Clark, Francis Livens, John Rennilson, Gregg Butler, Helen Peters, Janet Wilson, Lynda Warren, Stephen Newson, Laura Butchins (secretariat) and Alexis Tregenza (secretariat).

Dialling-in: Bill Lee, Rebecca Lunn

Apologies: Simon Harley, Paul Davis

Welcome and Apologies for Absence

1. The Chair indicated that he would like to agree the detail of the substantive chapters and the main points for the concluding chapters by the end of the meeting. He asked members to think about any summarising comments or recommendations that they would like to make to Ministers.

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

2. Francis Livens informed the Committee that he had recently been awarded some funding under the Natural Environment Research Council's (NERC) Radioactivity and the Environment (RATE) programme.

Factual Comments on the Annual Report

3. The secretariat had requested factual corrections from the Regulators, the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA), the Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC) and Scottish and Welsh Governments and had received various suggested changes and clarifications. It was agreed that should the Committee respond to the comments, then these should be recorded and sent through the secretariat.

Chapters for Discussion (CoRWM Annual Report)

4. It was agreed that the annual report should include a Chair's Foreword. Comments on the annual report were then invited from committee members. Detailed drafting comments were made to all chapters.
5. The remit of Chapter 8 was agreed to include both reflections and views on progress made in the past year, comment on activity since March 2013, and CoRWM's views on future activities. The Chapter was entitled 'Reflections on the past year and implications for the future' and was drafted by the Committee. The key points for the executive summary were also agreed which would highlight any areas for the attention of Ministers.

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6. Committee members were informed that the Chair, one member and a member of the secretariat visited Sellafield earlier that week. They commented that the enhanced levels of on-site security including barriers and the visibility of armed guards were of note. They visited several areas including a pond and silo in the (legacy) separation area. It was also noted that the future deterioration of newer plants outside the separation area would be a clear driver for the delivery of a Geological Disposal Facility. Dates had been projected for the end of the working life of various facilities that could have significant cost implications if new stores had to be built to extend this capability. The high cost of the engineered storage containers was also remarked upon.
7. Some members were asked to participate in a telephone survey being conducted by the NDA on the Radioactive Waste Inventory and they would be contacted shortly to set up suitable times.

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