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PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF WORK

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1. Introduction from the Chair

I am honoured to present this Work Programme on behalf of the Committee. 2020/21 was an exceptionally busy year and I fully expect that 2021/22 will match it for work rate and a continuing commitment to the very highest standards of scrutiny and advice. Sadly, both Professor Campbell Gemmell and Professor Richard Shaw came to the end of their terms in November 2021 and a special thanks should be extended to them for their sterling contribution to the Committee over a number of years. The advertisement for their replacements should be gazetted soon.

The Committee has already made a variety of administrative and process improvements and this process of incremental improvement has continued into the new year, including the redesign of the CoRWM website and a standard format for the many forthcoming Position Papers.

Much of 2020/21 was taken up with the first stages in the new geological disposal facility (GDF) siting process. A considerable amount of next year and the years to come will be taken up with the resulting national and local conversations. We plan to engage widely with our various stakeholders on this and other matters, reflecting the contribution that we are best able to make. We will endeavour to provide valuable and accessible indications of our assessments and positions, using our website as well as position papers, conference presentations, social media and our various meetings and reports in order to communicate our work as fully as possible.

Though the coming year is one where the focus on identifying a geological disposal facility will necessarily take up a large amount of our work effort, there are many other aspects of radioactive waste management that will also demand our attention. Whatever the case may be, CoRWM will continue to scrutinise and advise as best as it is able, seeking to ensure that the outcomes from decision makers are able to be well-considered and appropriate.



Sir Nigel Thrift
Chair, Committee on Radioactive Waste Management

2. Summary

1. The Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CoRWM) is an advisory Non-Departmental Public Body, with a remit to provide independent scrutiny and advice on the long-term management of radioactive wastes. The Committee normally consists of a Chair and 11 experts from various fields related to radioactive waste management.

2. CoRWM reports to Ministers in the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) as well as the Scottish Government (SG), Welsh Government (WG) and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) in Northern Ireland. These organisations are known collectively as CoRWM's Sponsors.
3. This Work Programme sets out CoRWM's work plans for the next year, as well as how the Committee is financed and the areas in which CoRWM plans to undertake work. CoRWM updates this document annually. It is then agreed by Sponsors and published on CoRWM's website.
4. The Work Programme also describes: the Committee's background and remit; its methods of working and enablers; and its priorities and proposed deliverables for 2021 to 2022.
5. CoRWM's financial and working year begins on 1st April and ends on 31st March.
6. On 19 December 2018, the Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) siting process was launched by the UK Government. The Welsh Government launched a parallel process on 16 January 2019. Much of the Committee's work this year will be focussed on activities related to the first stages of the siting process, especially ensuring that the underlying need case for the GDF continues to be well-articulated and accepted, evaluating RWM's processes, particularly in respect of community engagement.
7. The Committee also has a remit to advise more broadly on radioactive waste management issues, which includes: scrutinising the storage, characterisation and classification of radioactive waste; advising the Scottish Government on policy for near-surface near-site waste management and disposal; examining the management of spent fuel and other nuclear materials, and; assessing RWM's processes for engaging with communities and evaluating potential sites.
8. The current membership of CoRWM is given at Annex B.

3. Background to Our Work

9. CoRWM was set up in 2003 as part of the Government's Managing Radioactive Waste Safely (MRWS) programme. Its initial remit was to oversee a review of the options for the long-term management of the UK's higher activity radioactive waste (HAW) and to recommend an option (or combination of options) to Government. CoRWM reported in July 2006 (CoRWM doc. 700) and Government responded in October 2006, accepting most of CoRWM's recommendations. CoRWM's principal recommendation described geological disposal as the best available approach to the

long-term management of higher activity waste, and recommended progressing as soon as practicable.

10. In October 2007, CoRWM was reconstituted, with revised Terms of Reference and expertise, to provide independent scrutiny and advice to the UK Government and the Devolved Administrations on the longer-term management of radioactive waste, including storage and disposal.
11. CoRWM also advises the Devolved Administrations of Scotland, Northern Ireland, and Wales on their policies, including where they differ from that of the UK Government, for example, the Scottish Government policy of near-site near-surface storage and disposal.
12. CoRWM's current Framework document is deposited in the House of Commons Library ¹.
13. Though CoRWM's membership and remit have changed over the years, CoRWM members continue to conclude unanimously that geological disposal is the best available approach to safely manage the UK's higher activity radioactive waste for the long-term and prevent it from becoming a financial and environmental burden to future generations.

4. How We Work

14. The Committee formulates its key advice and takes decisions by consensus in plenary session. It has normally held four open plenary meetings each year that the public can attend (this schedule is currently under review). The Committee also holds closed plenary meetings to take evidence and enable discussions with officials.
15. The Committee provides its advice through a variety of methods. Members' views on some issues may be communicated in person or as commentary on documents. More complex issues will often require the consensus of the Committee through discussion at plenary meetings and may be presented in a formal letter, report, or recommendation.
16. CoRWM Doc. 3394 sets out a new system of categorising CoRWM advice. It describes how *CoRWM Position Papers* and *CoRWM Recommendations* always constitute a consensus committee view, where *CoRWM Advice Notes* always constitute the view of a subgroup unless clearly stated otherwise. Other advice, such as that contained in meeting minutes, emails, and commentary on documents is to be considered as the individual view of members unless stated otherwise. This latter, less formal advice is collectively categorised as *CoRWM Comments*.

¹ <https://www.parliament.uk/depositedpapers#toggle-1100>

Table 1: Categories of CoRWM Advice

Category	Examples	Default level of consensus required
"Recommendation" ²		Consensus view of committee.
Report	Consultation response, technical report, position paper	Consensus view of committee.
Note	Advice note, meeting note, summary note	Consensus view of subgroup unless stated otherwise.
Comments	Document comments, emails, meeting minutes	Member's individual views unless stated otherwise.

17. Much of the work of the Committee is carried out by six subgroups. Each subgroup focuses on an area of interest or aspect of a Government or NDA radioactive waste management programme, and contains members with relevant knowledge, skills and experience. The membership and focus of these subgroups is given in Annex C.

18. The Chairs of the subgroups are responsible for preparing work plans to meet the requirements set out in this work programme. Subgroup chairs must also ensure the work of the subgroup is reported to the Committee in order for the Committee to formulate its advice.

² Potentially formalised in the Annual Report or presented to Sponsors for their consideration.

CoRWM's Funding and Time Allocation

Table 2: CoRWM budget estimates 2021-22³. (This is an indicative budget, subject to annual budget settlement with BEIS)

Item	Budget (£) 2021-2022
Members' Fees	220150
Accommodation, Travel, Subsistence, Visits	69850
Total	290000

Table 3: CoRWM members time allocations for 2021-22 by role

CoRWM Role	Indicative time allocation for role (days)	Number of Members in role	Total indicative time allocation for role (days)
Chair	70	1	70
Deputy Chair	35	2	70
Subgroup Chair	25	6	150
Member	25	3	75
All CoRWM Roles		12 ⁴	365

CoRWM Stakeholders

19. CoRWM engages with a wide variety of stakeholders to ensure that CoRWM members have up-to-date information and access to a broad range of views in radioactive waste management.

20. In developing this work programme, the Committee consulted the following groups for their feedback:

- BEIS

³ These figures are indicative and the actual financial allocation will depend on future spending settlements and that this will impact on the work programme.

⁴ Actual number of members may vary due to membership changes and new appointments in progress.

- Scottish Government
- Welsh Government
- Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA)
- Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA)
- Radioactive Waste Management Limited (RWM)
- Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR)
- Environment Agency (EA)
- Natural Resources Wales (NRW)
- Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)

The proposed indicative 2021-22 work programme reflects the comments that were received.

5. Our Tasks and Focus

Our Work Areas for 2021-2022. For further details see Annex A.

Much of CoRWM's work will be focused on activities related to the process for seeking a suitable location for a GDF that was launched in December 2018 in England and January 2019 in Wales. CoRWM will continue to scrutinise and advise on the documentation, technical information, implementation of the policy, and plans supporting RWM's community engagement and siting process, as well as advising communities as and when needed.

21. Keep under review the implications of proposals to update decommissioning and radioactive substances policy and provide advice as necessary.
22. Further work will focus on advice to the Scottish Government on their near-surface near-site storage and disposal policy as well as advice to the Welsh government as and when needed.
23. The Committee has not allocated a specific task regarding Northern Ireland activities. The Committee will continue to provide advice to Northern Ireland at their request.
24. In the wider radioactive waste management landscape, CoRWM will be reviewing the NDA's assumptions and strategy for managing the UK waste inventory, especially through a risk-based approach.
25. The Committee will also be publishing Position Papers on the costs of GDF construction, the regulatory landscape and the challenges of developing an 'inshore' GDF.
26. The scope of this indicative work programme is built on the assumption that current levels of Secretariat support will continue to be put in place. The Committee is supported by both a Committee Secretary and a Technical Secretary within BEIS.
27. CoRWM Work Areas for the coming work year are as follows:
 - 1: Scrutiny of and advice to BEIS, the Welsh Government and RWM on activities related to the GDF siting process and implementation of the Working with Communities policy.
 - 2: Scrutiny of and advice to RWM on the application of the technical site evaluation criteria.

- 3:** Scrutiny of and advice to BEIS on developing regulation to give the Office for Nuclear Regulation the powers to licence a GDF.
- 4:** Scrutiny of and advice to Scottish Government on the management of radioactive waste in Scotland, including the review of its higher activity waste strategy.
- 5:** Scrutiny of and advice to the Welsh Government on the management of radioactive waste in Wales.
- 6:** Scrutiny and advice to BEIS, NDA and RWM on the inventory of radioactive waste, spent fuel and other nuclear materials, and their storage and disposal, including near surface disposal.
- 7:** Keep under review the implications of proposals to update decommissioning and radioactive substances policy and provide advice as necessary
- 8:** Responsive advice, including replies to consultations and other miscellaneous work, for stakeholders in wider waste management areas.
- 9:** Outreach activities, including advice to communities engaged in the GDF siting process and public talks.
- 10:** Committee management, which includes the development of consensus views in plenary meetings.

Table 4: Time allocation for Work Areas 2021-22 ⁵

Work Area	Work Area description	Subgroup	Indicative allocation of days⁶
1	GDF process and policy implementation	SG1	55
2	GDF siting evaluation criteria	SG2	55
3	Regulation to give ONR licensing powers for GDF	SG3	55
4	Scottish Government Activities	SG4	55
5	Welsh Government Activities	SG5	25
6	Storage of waste, spent fuel, and nuclear materials	SG6	55
7	Review of the Nuclear Decommissioning and Radioactive Substances policy and its implications	SG2+SG3+SG6	35
8	Responsive work	All	10
9	Outreach	All	15
10	Committee management	Nigel, Penny and Derek	5
Total			365

⁵ Resource deployment will be an ongoing task.

⁶ Allocation of days per Work Area is indicative and subject to review throughout the year.

Annex A – Work Areas, Tasks and Deliverables for 2021-22

28. Table 5 provides a description of each proposed Work Area for 2021-22, together with Tasks and indicative deliverables or records, the task priority and the planned resource allocation.

29. CoRWM will produce a number of deliverables in the form of informal summary notes for Government, NDA and RWM following meetings. Currently, this is the preferred approach to delivering advice with the requisite timeliness and flexibility. CoRWM will endeavour to publish all of its reports. CoRWM will also produce an Annual Report for 2020-21 for publication in June 2021 and will also produce quarterly updates for BEIS.

Table 5: Proposed work areas, tasks and indicative deliverables for 2021-22

Work Area	Task and Deliverable
1. Communications and Working with Communities	1A To scrutinise and advise on the integrated communication strategy of BEIS, NDA and RWM
	1B To scrutinise implementation of the Working with Communities policy in England and Wales.
	1C To act as a source of independent information to communities in the geological disposal siting process if approached, and to ensure that the work of the Committee (including key position papers) is visible and accessible to communities.
	1D To report to the main CoRWM Committee to enable the development of advice to Ministers, NDA and RWM Subgroup 1 continued to lead on this task with close co-ordination with other sub-groups to ensure a consistent approach is taken by the Committee.
2. Scrutiny of and advice to BEIS and RWM on technical site evaluation criteria and plans for site investigation and characterisation.	2A Scrutiny of and advice to BEIS, Welsh Government and RWM on the application of the technical site evaluation process, in particular in relation to working group activities.
	2B Scrutiny and provision of advice to BEIS and RWM on activities relating to the continued development of a GDF safety case.
	2C Scrutiny and provision of advice to BEIS and RWM on GDF siting activities, including selection criteria, methods of investigation, and the timescale for carrying out site selection in different rock types.
	2D Provision of SG2 related advice to working group stakeholders as required
	2E Issue a GDF construction cost estimate paper Q1 2021.

	2F Production of an Inshore GDF position paper by April 2021.
3. Scrutiny of and advice to BEIS and RWM on activities related to GDF licensing and the implementation of the Geological Disposal programme	3A Keep under review the implications of proposals to update decommissioning and radioactive substances policy and provide advice as necessary
	3B Any issues following from the ONR consultation on the approach to bulk quantities for the purpose of nuclear site licensing.
	3C The need for legislative amendment to place nuclear site licensing of a GDF on a proper statutory footing.
	3D The legal and regulatory issues involved in the development of an “inshore” GDF beneath the seabed but accessed from land, including public international law.
	3E The underlying law, which includes the statutory position of devolution post Brexit and regulatory issues involved in near surface disposal, either in England and Wales, or in Scotland.
	3F Any legal, regulatory or policy issues arising from radioactive waste streams located in Scotland which would not be suitable for disposal in a near surface facility.
	3G The legal, regulatory and policy issues arising in respect of radioactive waste management post-EU exit.
	3H Any legal issues relevant to the implementation of the GDF siting process including the Working With Communities policy
4. Scrutiny of and advice to the Scottish Government (SG) on the management of radioactive waste in Scotland.	4A Ongoing advice on and scrutiny of progress with implementation of the Scottish Government’s Implementation Strategy for its 2011 HAW policy. This includes advice on a key element of 4B in relation to ILW/HAW and relevant NSS/NSD management policy.
	4B Input on “Scotland’s higher-activity radioactive waste policy - 10 Year review (2020)”. The team will begin preparations for reviewing the Scottish HAW policy, with a view to publishing a full update in Q2 [spring] 2021.
	4C Ongoing policy advice & support to the Scottish Government re: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued advice and scrutiny on Art 35/37 issues and IAEA/UK/Scotland/ONR/SEPA arrangements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Guidance on the requirements for release from radioactive substances regulation’ (also known as GRR) and “end of licensing” type policy discussion.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inputs to NDA and operator developments, e.g. Magnox and Dounreay site issues. Provide feedback and informal advice by means of a written report. <p>4D Input on the development of UK-wide waste policy issues concerning any Scottish-specific aspects subject to SG locus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore specific issues that relate to Scotland/Scottish Government policy in the NDA Strategy IV. CoRWM as a whole is expected to be involved in the ongoing development and implementation of the new strategy in particular as it applies to the Energy White Paper [CP 337] December 2020 Powering our Net Zero Future. <p>4E Co-ordination of direct input on CoRWM Policy Papers. Specifically include responses from key stakeholders on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CoRWM draft position paper on Regulation • CoRWM Inshore Preliminary Issues.
<p>5. Welsh Government (WG) activities</p>	<p>5A Scrutiny of and advice to the Welsh Government (WG) on the management of radioactive waste in Wales.</p>
<p>6. Scrutiny of and advice to BEIS and NDA on the storage of radioactive waste, spent fuel and nuclear materials that may be destined for disposal and in development of alternative disposal methods including Near Surface Disposal for some wastes and some suitable nuclear materials declared as waste.</p>	<p>6A To scrutinise and advice BEIS and NDA on near-surface disposal of suitable higher activity waste.</p> <p>6B Ongoing scrutiny of the end of the Magnox reprocessing programme and interim storage of spent fuel.</p> <p>6C To scrutinise and advise BEIS and NDA on options for management and disposal of uranics and plutonium.</p> <p>6D Monitoring and providing advice on NDA Integrated waste management developments including boundary, difficult wastes in Scotland and strategic direction.</p>

Annex B CoRWM Members



Chair

Sir Nigel Thrift was appointed Chair of the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management on 2 July 2018.

Until 2017, Sir Nigel was the Executive Director of Schwarzman Scholars. He is one of the world's leading human geographers and previously served as Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of Warwick and as Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research at the University of Oxford.

Current term of office ends: July 2022



Deputy Chair

Penny Harvey is Professor of Social Anthropology at the University of Manchester. She is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences (UK), and an elected member of the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters. Penny has an extensive history of research on the social transformations of large-scale infrastructure projects, with a particular focus on the relationship between local communities, government agencies and corporate bodies.

Current term of office ends: November 2023



Deputy Chair

Derek Lacey was appointed to the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management in November 2019.

Derek has recently completed a term as a Director at the International Atomic Energy Agency. He previously had roles as Deputy Chief Inspector in the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) and Head of Nuclear and Radioactive Waste Management Policy at the UK Department for Energy and Climate Change.

Current term of office ends: November 2023



Claire Corkhill was appointed to the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CoRWM) in January 2020.

Claire is currently a Reader and EPSRC Early Career Research Fellow at the University of Sheffield. With an academic background in both geology and materials science, she has over 10 years of experience in researching nuclear waste material corrosion in geological environments. She has held research fellowships in both the UK and Japan and leads a team of 12 researchers focused on determining the long-term behaviour of radioactive materials. Claire is an enthusiastic science

communicator and has made numerous media appearances in relation to nuclear waste disposal and nuclear decommissioning.

Current term of office ends: **January 2024**



Neil Hyatt was appointed to the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management in November 2019.

Neil is a Professor of Nuclear Materials Chemistry at the University of Sheffield and Head of Department of Materials Science & Engineering at the University of Sheffield. Neil was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry in 2015. Neil has more than 15 years of professional and academic research in radioactive waste management and disposal. Neil was appointed to the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management for 4 years.

Current term of office ends: **November 2023**



Ray Kemp was appointed to the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management in November 2019.

Ray has been a Member of the Advisory Committee on Carcinogenicity of Chemicals in Foods, Consumer Products and the Environment (COC) Public Interest Representative at the UK Department of Health and Social Care from 2013. In the past, he has worked as an adviser to the Independent Advisory Panel (IAP) for the Australian National Radioactive Waste Management Facility Project. He has also worked as a Member, then Chair of the Radiation Health and Safety Advisory Council of the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) between 2012 and 2015.

Current term of office ends: **November 2023**



Mark Kirkbride was appointed to the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management in November 2019.

Mark has been the Chief Executive Officer of West Cumbria Mining Ltd since 2014, having previously worked in a wide range of senior roles in the mining, engineering and construction industries. Mark is a Fellow of the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining, a Chartered Engineer and holds a degree in mining engineering and a research masters in geomechanics (machine rock cutting). He has more than 25 years' experience of underground construction techniques and project delivery.

Current term of office ends: **November 2023**



Geraldine Thomas was appointed to the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management in November 2019.

Geraldine Thomas is currently a Professor of Molecular Pathology at Imperial College and Director of the Chernobyl Tissue Bank. In the past, she has been a Clinical Director of the West London Genome Medicine Centre and Professor of Molecular Oncology at the South Wales Cancer Institute.

Current term of office ends: **November 2023**



Stephen Tromans QC is a barrister practising at 39 Essex Chambers, London.

He was Joint Head of Chambers from 2011-2015. He has worked as an academic at Cambridge (1981-1987) and as a solicitor (1987-1999). He became a barrister in 1999 and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2009.

His area of specialism is environmental, energy natural resources and planning law. He has extensive experience of advising companies and government and representing them in court and at public inquiries. He has a particular focus on nuclear law and is the author of the leading text, "Nuclear Law". He is also the author of leading works on environmental impact assessment and contaminated land and has spoken and written widely on these topics.

He has been a member of the UK Environmental Law Association (UKELA) since its formation in 1986, and has been Chair and a Council member of UKELA. He is also a member of the International Nuclear Law Association (INLA) and a director of INLA UK. From 1994-2002 he was a Council Member of English Nature, the predecessor of Natural England and from 2010-2014 was the Chair of the Environmental Law Foundation (ELF).

Current term of office ends: **November 2022**



Andrew Walters is an Environmental Lawyer and Chartered Town Planner.

He has worked on an extensive range of project and policy work in the public and private sectors with a career stretching across 20 years in the UK and overseas. He has developed a reputation for delivery of complex environmental consents on a diverse range of infrastructure projects from the construction of deep water

ports and harbours, nationally significant rail, highways, bridges, energy, waste and commercial development projects.

Andrew regularly leads consenting campaigns bringing a deep understanding of the challenges of consenting development projects in multiple legislative environments, often with complex engineering considerations in highly sensitive sites of significant environmental importance.

Current term of office ends **September 2021**

Annex C Subgroup Focus and Membership

Subgroup 1: Working With Communities Implementation (4 Members)

Primary tasks:

1. To scrutinise and advise on the integrated communication strategy of BEIS, NDA and RWM.
2. To scrutinise and advise BEIS, NDA and RWM on communication of activities related to the GDF siting process and implementation of policy.
3. To scrutinise and advise BEIS, NDA and RWM on the implementation of the Working with Communities Policy.
4. To scrutinise and advise the Welsh Government on the implementation of the Welsh Working with Communities Policy.
5. To engage and provide advice and information as requested to interested parties, Working Groups and Community Partnerships.

Subgroup 2: GDF Geology and Delivery (3 Members)

Primary tasks:

1. Scrutiny and provision of advice to BEIS and RWM on activities relating to the continued development of a GDF safety case.
2. Scrutiny and provision of advice to BEIS and RWM on GDF siting activities, including selection criteria, methods of investigation, and the timescale for carrying out site selection in the three rock types.
3. Advise on new technologies that could be applicable to the development of a GDF including those in the mining and construction sectors and their potential impacts on a GDF programme.

Subgroup 3: Planning and Regulation (4 Members)

Primary Tasks:

1. Work towards publication of a comprehensive and definitive CoRWM Position Paper on regulation of a GDF during 2020.
2. Review and advise on “Sector Guidance” on in-situ disposal of low level waste through the planning system.
3. Keep under review any further implications of the UK’s exit from the EU as this develops, and provide advice to BEIS and DAs.

Subgroup 4: Scottish Government Activities (2 Members)

Primary Tasks:

1. To scrutinise the Scottish Government’s activities in relation to the management of higher activity radioactive waste (HAW) in Scotland.
2. To report to the main CoRWM Committee to enable the development of advice to Ministers, NDA and RWM.

Subgroup 5: Welsh Government Activities (2 Members)

Primary Tasks:

1. To scrutinise the Welsh Government's activities in relation to the delivery of the Implementing Geological Disposal policy in Wales.
2. To report to the main CoRWM Committee to enable the development of advice to Ministers, NDA and RWM.

Subgroup 6: Waste, Spent Fuel and Nuclear Materials Inventory Management (3 Members)

Primary Tasks:

1. Work Programme for a study of how near-surface disposal could be complementary to a GDF.
2. Ongoing scrutiny of end of the Magnox reprocessing programme, and of storage and potential disposal of spent fuel, uranics and plutonium.
3. Monitoring and providing advice on NDA Integrated waste management developments including boundary, difficult wastes in Scotland and strategic direction.

Annex D Glossary of Terms

BEIS	Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
BGS	British Geological Survey
CoRWM	Committee on Radioactive Waste Management
DAERA	Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs
EA	Environment Agency
GDF	Geological Disposal Facility
GDPB	Geological Disposal Programme Board
HAW	Higher Activity Waste
NIE	Northern Ireland Executive
NDA	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
NGS	National Geological Screening
NPS	National Policy Statement on Geological Disposal
NRW	Natural Resources Wales
ONR	the Office for Nuclear Regulation
RWM	Radioactive Waste Management Ltd.
SG	Scottish Government
SEPA	Scottish Environment Protection Agency
WWC	Working With Communities (the policy)
WG	Welsh Government