

**Minutes of the Wylfa Site Stakeholder Group Meeting
Held at the Eleth & Eilian Rooms (Learning & Development Centre)
on Thursday June 3rd 2010 at 3pm.**

Present:

A Morris Jones	Chair Wylfa Site Stakeholder Group
N Gore	Wylfa Site Director
G Vaughan	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
D Simister	Nuclear Installations Inspectorate
L Jones	Magnox North Ltd
M Thornton	Magnox North Ltd
T Roberts	Magnox North Ltd
A Brooksbank	Magnox North Ltd
P Farrell	Magnox North Ltd
M Humphreys	Magnox North Ltd
J Milburn	Magnox North Ltd
A Hughes	Magnox North Ltd
A Hall	Dŵr Cymru
S Andrews	Public Health Wales
Cllr W T Hughes	Ynys Môn County Council
Cllr T Jones	Ynys Môn County Council
J H Jones	Mechell Community Council
E Jones	Llanbadrig Community Council
P H Capper	Fisheries Officer (Ynys Môn) Welsh Assembly Government
D Alexander	Country Landowners Association
T Poole	Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales
J H Jordan	Federation of Small Business
R Hubbard	Local Resident

In Attendance:

H M Hughes	Amlwch Regeneration Partnership (Minute Secretary)
C Evans Thau	Amlwch Regeneration Partnership (Minute Secretary)
Cymen	Simultaneous Translation

1 WELCOME AND TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2472 The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and informed the members of the tragedy that has unfolded in Cumbria and asked for a minute silence to remember the victims that were employed at Sellafield.

2473 AMJ requested that a condolence letter be sent to the West Cumbria SSG.

2474 Apologies were received from Ieuan Wyn Jones (AM); T Conway (Wylfa Retirees Association); H Prosser (Welsh Assembly Government); Lady Anglesey; S Roberts (Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board); M O'Hara (Retired Wylfa Employee); R Foxhall (Communications Officer – Magnox North Ltd); Cllr. J V Owen (Ynys Môn County Council); Cllr Ken Hughes (Ynys Môn County Council) and J Grant (Magnox North Ltd); P Kennedy (Food Standards Agency.)

2 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 11th MARCH 2010

2475 A M Jones stated that copies of the previous minutes were circulated along with the amendments that were made.

2476 The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed J H Jones; seconded Cllr T Jones.

3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

2477 No matters other than items on the agenda.

4 TO RECEIVE THE SITE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2478 The Site Director's report was sent out with the agenda prior to the meeting.

2479 N Gore outlined the key issues within the report. He stated that on the 10th April 2010, Wylfa had achieved 1 year without a Lost Time Accident which is a great achievement as the site employs 650 people plus contractors and agency supplied workers (ASW.) The site has been awarded the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA) Gold Medal for Occupational Health & Safety for the ninth consecutive year.

2480 He explained that work is progressing well with the Reactor 2 (R2) Outage which began on 8th April 2010 and is on schedule to be completed on time, by 15th July 2010. He also noted that a significant proportion of R2 Outage contractors are finishing next month.

- 2481 He stated that a number of visits by Wylfa's site regulators have taken place during the last few months. The visits have been successful and Wylfa remains in a strong position to achieve extended generation beyond December 2010.
- 2482 N Gore explained that Wylfa's Ductile Cast Iron Container, commonly known as the 'Yellow Box,' was safely and successfully filled with Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) Desiccant after the safety case was approved by the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate (NII.)
- 2483 N Gore reported that on 7th April 2010, Magnox North Ltd's Environment, Health, Safety, Security & Quality (EHSS&Q) Governance Review was held and a number of good practises were noted with only a few items added to the 'watch-list' being those suggested by site.
- 2484 He stated that pre-outage, 916 employees/contractors/ASW attended a production of 'The Mouse-hole' as part of a Health & Safety campaign to ensure that the Outage is carried out in a safe and secure manner, and causes no environmental harm. Post training feedback was very positive.
- 2485 N Gore concluded that Wylfa maintained an excellent safety performance with workers being committed fully to delivering the Reactor 2 Outage safely.

5 TO RECEIVE THE SSG CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- 2486 A M Jones gave a brief overview of the SSG Chairman's Report.
- 2487 A M Jones explained that Horizon Nuclear is overwhelmed with the media interest regarding their intention of developing Wylfa.
- 2488 A M Jones stated that a letter had been sent on behalf of the SSG to congratulate Albert Owen on his re-election as MP for Ynys Môn.
- 2489 A M Jones informed the group that invitations to visit Wylfa had been sent out to the new NDA Chief Executive Officer (CEO) - Tony Fountain, the new Secretary of State for Energy & Climate Change, Chris Huhne MP, and to the Minister of State for Energy & Climate Change, Charles Hendry MP.
- 2490 A M Jones also informed the group that Ynys Môn County Council is launching the Energy Island strategy on 18th June 2010.

6 NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING AUTHORITY UPDATE

- 2491 A copy of the Site Programme Manager (SPM) briefing was distributed prior to the meeting. G Vaughan highlighted the key issues from the NDA briefing report.

- 2492 G Vaughan explained that the NDA CEO Tony Fountain had reorganised roles within the executive team with John Clarke taking the new role of Executive Director for Business and Planning and the previous CEO Richard Waite taking up the role of Executive Director for Delivery.
- 2493 G Vaughan stated that over the past 12 months, Wylfa, Oldbury and Maentwrog had a very successful generation figures – 8Twh.
- 2494 He also informed the members that the NDA's recently published Business Plan outlined proposed expenditures of £2.8 billion for the year 2010-2011 across the 19 sites.
- 2495 There was good feedback from the 10th National Stakeholder Group (NSG) meeting in Manchester - these meetings are held on a regular basis.
- 2496 New commercial agreements have been finalised between the NDA and Westinghouse Electric Company, involving the long-term lease of Springfields nuclear fuel manufacturing site, near Preston in Lancashire.
- 2497 G Vaughan stated that the last of more than 10,000 drums of Magnox Depleted Uranium (MDU) was transferred ahead of schedule from the Chapelcross site signifying the reduction of a major hazard.
- 2498 Due to the current constrained funding climate, the NDA are engaged in the process of drawing up a potential shortlist of efficiency scenarios as part of a Government-wide review, the Public Value Programme (PVP), to identify value-for-money options.

7 HM NUCLEAR INSPECTIONS INSPECTOR'S REPORT

- 2499 A copy of the report was sent out prior to the meeting.
- 2500 D Simister explained that a joint inspection of the plant was conducted on the 2nd June 2010. Many of the employees/contractors that attended 'The Mouse-hole' safety training found it very effective even 2 months post-training.
- 2501 D Simister went on to report the highlights of the 4th quarter report findings of 2009/2010. NII continues to engage with licensee to support the safety case for extended generation. D Simister explained the Wylfa Site has presented proposals to NII for the scope of the R2 outage and that licensee's intentions are positive. The NII further gained confidence with regular inspections of the site.

- 2502 D Simister explained that the on-going Dry Store Cell 4 recovery is important. The NII have welcomed the progress made by Wylfa to remove a number of damaged fuel elements from the store. The NII are confident with the adequate proposals of making modifications to the recovery equipment to facilitate the removal of the remaining fuel elements and that recovery has been given the go ahead to start within a few weeks.
- 2503 A compliance inspection was completed. Findings show that the site demonstrated that they can comply with the operating rules.
- 2504 D Simister stated that the NII and Wylfa Site are working together to do a number of different work streams. The NII are concerned with 4 important safety elements and expect the site to demonstrate:
- 1) That it has satisfactorily completed arrangements to revalidate the 2004 Periodic Safety Review
 - 2) That it has appropriate arrangements in place for continued operation beyond 2010 i.e. the right people, strategic spares, correct organisations etc.
 - 3) Its ability to meet commitments in the NDA's Magnox Operating Programme (MOP,) particularly the ability to defuel post generation
 - 4) Continue to operate safely
- 2505 Cllr T Jones asked about the risks with extended fuel retention. D Simister explained that there were different types of fuel at different locations within the reactors which consume fuel at different rates. No further fuel would be brought on site, and that Wylfa would maintain the balance of fuel for the duration of extended generation.
- 2506 N Gore added that there are approximately 50,000 fuel elements in the reactors which would last between 7 to 9 years. He explained that they had to use this fuel sensibly – the position of the fuel elements would be changed within the reactors to keep generation continuing and thus maximise consumption. He added that there would be no risks in doing this. He also pointed out that it would be a waste putting in new fuel when generation would possibly cease at the end of 2012.
- 2507 G Vaughan explained that some elements burn quicker than others and that by leaving certain elements in longer, the fuel could be used more efficiently. Occasionally, by being left in the core longer, an element could be slightly distorted but well within the safety parameters allowed.

8 UPDATE FROM WYLFA SOCIO-ECONOMIC SUB-GROUP

2508 The Wylfa in the Community Newsletter was distributed in the meeting. J H Jones went on to explain about the successful applications which can be seen in the June 2010 Newsletter.

9 UPDATE FROM WYLFA WASTE SUB GROUP

2509 M Thornton explained that not much had been developed with the Ductile Cast Iron (DCI) Container since his last update; therefore he provided a summary for looking towards the future.

2510 M Thornton raised the point of recycling waste at home. Recycling waste is coming to the nuclear industry in terms of recycling radioactive waste and low level waste materials.

2511 M Thornton also raised the point of looking at other materials other than ILW desiccant waste to be contained in the DCI. He stated that some materials may be suitable for that disposition in small quantities; he further explained that other sites were following this idea and that maybe Wylfa should be looking at doing the same.

10 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

2512 A copy of the Wylfa Annual Environmental Report was distributed prior to the meeting.

2513 P Farrell explained that usually the information is given in a 20 minute presentation, however, this year the information has been put into a report so that all individuals can access it.

2514 He explained that the report highlights a successful year for Wylfa in 2009 and this was reflected with the acknowledgment of a 5 Star British Safety Council's Sword of Honour for Health and Safety for the second year running.

2515 P Farrell explained findings concluded that radioactive discharge was less than 70% of the Annual Limit and that CO₂ emissions were reduced by 45% compared to the previous year. He also explained that there was a 90% overall recycling rate achieved.

2516 He stated that an Environmental Monitoring Programme is undertaken for inspection of radioactivity around the site and concluded that there was little environmental impact from the site.

- 2517 D Simister added that P Farrell should mention the change from the Radioactive System Act 1993 (RSA 93) to the Environmental Permitting Regulations (EPR). RSA 93 is the legislation for the allowance to dispose certain quantities of waste. He explained that the conditions from the RSA 93 carried forward to the EPR and that there was not a great deal of change. It is now a permit to decipher what is the best practicable means of disposing waste.
- 2518 S Andrews asked if there were limits set in EPR as they did in the RSA 93. P Farrell explained that the limits were pretty much identical and it is based on the impacts specific to Wylfa. S Andrews further asked if it was available on a website as she wanted to make her colleagues aware of the report. L Jones explained that it will be available on the website in the next few weeks.
- 2519 R Hubbard wanted to congratulate on the simplicity but informative way the booklet has been put together.
- 2520 N Gore added that it was a very good report and that other sites might consider the possibility of the Magnox report on a whole. He explained that it was constructive to have good feedback and hopefully communities will find the booklet/report useful.
- 2521 Cllr T Jones asked about the effect of the sampling of milk from the outer zone. P Farrell explained that the milk collected from the outer zone was based on a 4-8km radius from the site and that the ratio of the inner farms and outer farms had no measurable impact.
- 2522 D Simister added that regarding permitting safety regulatory regimes, the NII work closely with appropriate departments/organisations such as the Environment Agency.

11 OPEN FORUM QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

- 2523 Cllr T Jones asked if there was any public financial support for the new build. A M Jones added that members of Horizon Nuclear were not present to answer that specific question, however N Gore explained that his personal belief was that the government would not be providing subsidies for any future nuclear generation programme. All funds would be sourced by private companies, in the case of the proposed new build at Wylfa, RWE and EON would fund the approx. £8 billion needed to construct and bring the station into operation. He also added that the current UK government were fully aware of the future gap in electricity needs and somebody had to fill this gap. He further added that the Copenhagen agreement to reduce carbon dioxide emissions meant that nuclear power generation was a good way to meet this target.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2524 No other business to be discussed.

13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

2525 The next meeting will be 7th October 2010.

2526 A M Jones thanked everyone for attending and was heartened with all of the positive news surrounding Wylfa. The meeting closed at 4pm.