

**OLDBURY ON SEVERN POWER STATION
SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE TORTWORTH FOUR
PILLARS HOTEL ON WEDNESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2012**

PRESENT:

Mr M Lynden (in the chair)	-	Oldbury on Severn Parish Council
Cllr R Birch	-	Forest of Dean District Council
Cllr C Evers	-	Glos Assn of Parish and Town Councils
Dr L Hales		
Cllr N Halsall	-	Thornbury Town Council
Cllr P Hassell	-	Bristol City Council
Cllr Mrs P Parsloe	-	Thornbury Town Council

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dr R MacGregor	-	Environment Agency
Mr M Heaton	-	Site Director
Mr C Fayers	-	Oldbury on Severn Power Station
Mrs E Vaughan-Lewis	-	Oldbury on Severn Power Station
Mr M J Davis (Secretary)		

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- 1 Mr Lynden welcomed everyone to this meeting of the Oldbury on Severn Site Stakeholder Group.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 2 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mike Hawkins, Pippa Waterman, Gavin Elias, Cllr C Clifford, Mr P Dickenson, Ms G Ellis-King, Mr J Jenkin, Insp M Lester, Mr J McNally, Cllr M Riddle, Ms S Stagg, Cllr Ms V Tutin, Mr B Vallely, Cllr B Willcox and Mr P Wilson.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Accuracy

- 3 The minutes of the SSG Meeting held on 18 July 2012 were approved as an accurate record.

(b) Matters arising

- 4 There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

- 5 Mr Lynden invited members of the public to raise any issues which might not otherwise be discussed under subsequent agenda items. No issues were raised.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

Office for Nuclear Regulation

- 6 A report from the Office for Nuclear Regulation on its activities during the past quarter had been circulated to members. Mr Dickinson had been unable to be present at this meeting to present the report.
- 7 Mr Heaton reviewed issues covered in Mr Dickinson's report. He outlined the various aspects covered by recent ONR inspections. He explained the consideration given to the simplification of emergency arrangements following the shutdown of the reactors, the approval given by the ONR to those revised arrangements and the subsequent demonstration of the arrangements to the satisfaction of the ONR's inspectors.
- 8 In reply to a question from Cllr Halsall, Mr Heaton said that in preparing emergency plans consideration was given to possible fault scenarios. Following the shutdown of the reactors the worst fault scenario was a fire involving fuel element debris in the station's waste vaults; he said that the installed fire detection and suppression systems gave confidence in the storage arrangements. In relation to potential hazards associated with the fuel remaining in the reactors, Mr Heaton said that the only possible fault scenario was related to the loss of reactor cooling. Cooling requirements were now very small compared with operational conditions and in the event of the failure of cooling systems there would be considerable time available to provide alternative cooling and this could be achieved readily.

EPCC UPDATE

- 9 It was noted that a meeting of the Emergency Planning Consultative Committee had been held on 17 October. The meeting had been attended by representatives of emergency services and other agencies involved in planning for dealing with an emergency at the site. Discussions had included the outcome of emergency exercises and plans for future exercises. The meeting had provided members with an update on current issues affecting the Oldbury site and developments in nuclear emergency planning nationally. Meetings of this committee provided a valuable opportunity for contacts between the various parties involved in the planning of responses to deal with any emergency at the site.
- 10 Mr Heaton pointed out that as a result of the natural decay of radioactivity following shutdown of the reactors it was no longer necessary to provide potassium iodate tablets as a countermeasure in the event of a release from the site. The stocks of these tablets which had been pre-distributed in the vicinity of the station had been withdrawn.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No business

DATE TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

- 11 It was noted that the next meeting of this Group was scheduled to be held on the 23 January 2013, at Oldbury Conference Centre, commencing at 1.00pm.

MJD

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