



## Site Stakeholder Group

### DUNGENESS A SITE AND B POWER STATION SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP

#### NOTES OF THE 5TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE GUILD HALL, LYDD on THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2011

#### SSG members present:

Mr C Albrow	-	Independent Member
Mr B Archer	-	NII Inspector Dungeness A Site
Mrs G Baker	-	District Residents Association
Mrs L Barry	-	Minute Taker
Mr B Botley	-	Kent Against a Radioactive Environment (KARE)
Mr G Callahan	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Mr G Finn	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Mr C Hall	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Mr D Illsley	-	Shepway District Council
Mr J Jenkin	-	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA)
Mr R Jepps	-	Dungeness A Site
Cllr D Lawton	-	New Romney Town Council
Mr N Levinson	-	Lydd Airport Action Group
Cllr Mrs M Masters	-	Lydd Town Council
Mrs H Morris	-	Dungeness A Site
Dr P Mountford-Lister	-	Environment Agency
Mr P Naylor	-	Environment Agency
Mr A Parry	-	Independent Vice Chairman
Cllr Ms R Saunders	-	Lydd Town Council
Col G Smythe	-	Independent Chairman
Ms M Stuart	-	Kent Against a Radioactive Environment (KARE)
Mr P Warham	-	Emergency Preparedness Dungeness A Site
Cllr Mrs C Waters	-	Shepway District Council
Mrs D Webb	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Mrs L Whenday	-	Dungeness Residents' Association

#### 1 INTRODUCTION

2737 Col Smythe welcomed those present to the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Site Stakeholder Group (SSG) and was pleased to see so many new faces.

## **2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mrs L Barton	-	Lydd Airport Action Group
Mrs J Childs	-	NHS
Mr T Dapling	-	Sussex Sea Fisheries
Mrs J Dear	-	Natural England
Dr V Green	-	NII (Dungeness B)
Mr Parker-Harding	-	Rother District Council
Mr T Hill	-	Varne Boat Club
Mr R Johnson	-	Channel Chamber of Commerce
Mr G McHale	-	Veolia Water
Ms K Mueller	-	Health Protection Agency
Insp D Murphy	-	CNC
Cllr B Naughton	-	Ashford Borough Council
Cllr Mrs J Newton	-	New Romney Town Council
Mr D Whitnall	-	Dungeness A Site

## **3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**2738** The minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SSG held on 30 September 2010 were approved with the following noted for accuracy:-

**2739** Item 2716: The last paragraph to be deleted. Item 2717: "Details included in the report" should be added to the response.

## **4 CORRESPONDENCE**

**2740** A list of correspondence distributed to SSG members was circulated.

## **5 MATTERS ARISING – GEORGE SMYTHE**

**2741** Although there were no matters arising from the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Col Smythe advised that with regard to Socio-Economic Funding, Item 2730 – No response had been received from the NDA on whether they would match-fund against time/resources? Jonathon Jenkin from the NDA was present at this meeting and that this would have a bearing on the future.

**2742** Col Smythe advised that he had received a letter from Mark England, previous Site Director for Dungeness A and that he had replied thanking him for all his efforts. He went on to welcome and introduce Dungeness A Site's new Site Director Ray Jepps.

## **6 DUNGENESS A SITE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**2743** Ray started on the site in 1974 with the CEGB and spent 20 years on shift operations; he then spent seven years in Engineering and Management roles prior to becoming Site Direct at Bradwell for defuelling, Site Director at Sizewell A for their final year of generation and more recently as Chief Nuclear Officer and Assurance Director for Magnox South. Subsequently Magnox South Ltd and Magnox North Ltd have joined again as Magnox Ltd and work is accelerating to get Dungeness A to an Interim Care and Maintenance state (DICAM).

A short video was then shown entitled; A year in the life of Dungeness.

The main points from the Site Director's report included:-

- Safety update
- Defuelling progressing well with over 50% completed.
- DICAM (Dungeness Interim Care & Maintenance) Lifetime Plan Overview which would accelerate the site to a short (5yr) quiescent period by 2018 ahead of current plans. This would mean a significant reduction in the number of staff.
- Staffing levels over the coming years.
- Community Relations: £5k donated by Energy *Solutions* to local good causes. Dungeness A staff donated over £5k to Kent Air Ambulance
- Safety Improvement Plan issued following a number of events on site. This is especially important as we go forward into decommissioning.

**2744** Q. Would it be possible to get copies of the DICAM charts used in the presentation?

A. Yes. **Action: Haf Morris**

**2745** Q. Will relocation packages be available for staff?

A. Yes, there is also the possibility of temporary relocations.

**2746** Q. What is being done to secure knowledge and experience to do the work?

A. We will retain the staff who have the knowledge to allow us to go forward. The site needs to be ready for the next generation who come along.

**2747** Q. Sellafeld has nine silos for waste. Are they full? If so how long will the waste be kept at site?

A. We currently plan to keep waste at site until approximately 2025; this waste will be stored in Ductile Cast Iron Containers (DCICs) known as MiniStores.

**2748** Q. There are concerns about job losses; the new build meeting on Saturday was very supportive of a new build and use of the Dungeness A site to support this.

A. This would be considered if there is a benefit to the taxpayer.

## **7 COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON NII REPORT FOR DUNGENESS A – BRUCE ARCHER, NII INSPECTOR**

**2749** No issues

## **8 COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE FOR DUNGENESS A – DR PAUL MOUNTFORD-LISTER, EA INSPECTOR**

**2750** Dr Mountford-Lister advised that he was leaving and David Prescott would take over as EA Inspector for Dungeness A. Col Smythe thanked him for his support over the years and that it have been very helpful.

## 9 DUNGENESS B SITE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2751 Presented by Graham Finn, Site Director.

The main points from the Site Director's report included:-

- Safety – 1210 days since the last Contractor Lost Time Accident (LTA)
- The station has been awarded the ROSPA – Order of Distinction Award in 2010. This award is for 15 consecutive years of excellence in Health & Safety at Work.
- Station output for 2010 was 3.614 TWhrs, which is enough to meet all the domestic needs of Kent.
- Environmental – There had been one environmental event when a slightly higher than normal level of was released following Main Cooling Water Pumps being taken out of service. This event had no environmental impact. The EA were kept fully informed and the profile of environmental issues within all departments was raised.
- Unit 22 was returned to service in Q1 following a small fire caused by a hydraulic oil leak.
- Fuel Route performance is a key focus for the station this year.
- A new Fuel route plug unit training Centre has been opened.
- Office of Civil Nuclear Security & NII Demonstration Exercises completed successfully.
- Sponsorship & Donations: continues as per previous years..
- Monthly Newsletter being distributed.
- Moving towards EDF Energy and away from British Energy the new logo will start appearing shortly.

2752 Q. Were the 2009 discharge figures for discharges to the sea?  
A. No, they were for discharges to the air, there were no increases in discharges to the sea in 2009.

2753 Q. How was the fire in Unit 22 discovered?  
A. Alarms alerted the Shift Manager smoke who then called the Kent Fire Brigade; Station staff had extinguished the fire before the KFB arrived on site. All cables were replaced and safety cases reviewed. The operators had full control at all times.

2754 Q. Are your radiation dose limits very high?  
A. No, they are a very low level.

## 10. COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE FOR DUNGENESS B – PAUL NAYLOR

2755 Q. There have been reports that enriched uranium has been found around the ground at Hinkley.  
A. This isn't borne out by environmental monitoring around the site. The EA and the NII carry out monitoring in places where elevated levels would be expected. A statement is expected to be made at the Hinkley SSG meeting.

2756 Q. Is environmental monitoring equipment regularly calibrated?  
A. Yes, this would be a requirement of being awarded the contractor to carry out the monitoring on behalf of the Environment Agency.

## **11. UPDATE ON NDA DRAFT BUSINESS STRATEGY – JONATHAN JENKIN**

**2757** Jonathan explained that the NDA had completed its restructure following a comprehensive organisational review and that changes included a 30% reduction in the number of NDA staff from 300 – 210. There were also tough efficiency targets for Site Licence Companies. Previously there had been a Programme Manager per site, there were now three covering all the sites; one for sites with fuel, one for defuelled sites and one for accelerated decommissioning sites. Andy Harrop is now the Programme Manager for Dungeness. A leaflet with photographs/responsibilities should be available for distribution shortly.

Any questions will be taken back and answers published in the next set of minutes.

The draft Business Plan 2011-2014 will go to Parliament for approval mid/end of March and expenditure will focus mainly on:-

- Hazard reduction; Sellafield is a high hazard site
- Optimised defuelling
- Accelerating 1 or 2 sites
- Preparations for Care & Maintenance

These works will result in a cost reduction across the Magnox fleet and could reduce decommissioning by 30 years.

The NDA's budget restrictions mean they are looking at how they deliver the socio-economic and skills development. £10/15m should be available for projects to help mitigate the effect on areas around decommissioning sites,

Col Smythe advised that it was good that there would still be some form of SSG Chair's meeting as it was a good opportunity find out what was going at other sites.

## **12. SOCIO-ECONOMIC UPDATE – GEORGE SMYTHE/DAVE ILLSLEY**

**2758** With the current decommissioning of A site, the eventual decommissioning of B station and the current debate regarding a possible C station, there are naturally concerns regarding the area's social and economic future.

In response, a number of organisations including the SSG, Magnox South, Romney Resource Centre, Channel Chamber, Kent County Council and Shepway District Council have started working together to address the situation.

Funding is now available (from the NDA/Magnox South) to cover the anticipated cost of producing a study and action plan into these impacts and opportunities.

**13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 2759** Q. People have questions about using part of the Dungeness A site for any new build, is it true that part of the site could be de-licensed?
- A. It is possible under Site Licence Conditions but there would have to be a benefit to the Taxpayer/Company for it to happen and would also depend on what it was to be used for.

**14. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN & VICE-CHAIRMAN**

- 2760** Point 2735 of the previous minutes (30 September 2010). Nominations were requested for the post of Chairman and Vice-chairman for a term of office of three years, none were received.
- 2761** It was therefore proposed, seconded and carried that Col Smythe and Andrew Parry continue in these roles.

**15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

- 2762** The dates of the next SSG meetings are:

**Thursday 28 April 2011** – Dungeness B Training Building

**Next Meeting Possibly 15 September - TBC**

**AGM 26 January 2012 - TBC**