

DUNGENESS A SITE AND B POWER STATION

DUNGENESS SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING

The Visitors Centre – Dungeness B Power Station

Thursday, 12 October 2017

10:00 for 10:30

ATTENDANCE:

Col G Smythe	-	Independent Chairman
Cllr D Godfrey	-	Deputy Chairman
Mr J Benn	-	Plant Manager, Dungeness B
Cllr M Burgess	-	Ashford Borough Council
Cllr P Coe	-	New Romney Town Council
Mr R Cook	-	ONR Inspector, Dungeness A
Mr P Fahey	-	EA Inspector, Dungeness A
Mrs T Finn	-	SSG Secretariat
Mr S Fox	-	Communications, Dungeness A
Cllr A Hills	-	Kent County Council
Ms F Hunter	-	ONR Inspector, Dungeness B
Mr D Illsley	-	Shepway District Council
Mr J Jenkin	-	NDA
Mr R Lavender	-	Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce
Cllr D Lawton	-	New Romney Town Council
Mr C Milne	-	Magnox
Mr L Ollier	-	EDF Energy
Mrs A Prentice	-	Visitor Centre Co-Ordinator, EDF
Cllr A Rodriguez	-	New Romney Town Council
Mr J Royal-Simpson	-	Affinity Water
Mr A Stone	-	EA Inspector, Dungeness B
Ms S Tanner	-	Minute Taker
Mr P Wilkinson	-	Closure Director, Dungeness A
Cllr R Wilkins	-	Shepway District Council
Ms K Wilson	-	Romney Marsh Partnership

I INTRODUCTION

3582 Alison Prentice ran through Fire Safety and explained that there were no planned fire drills. Col. Smythe welcomed the attendees to the Site Stakeholder Group meeting (SSG). He advised a great deal had taken place since the last meeting and today's meeting would address any rumours and iron out any issues.

II APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3583 The following apologies were received:

Mr D Barley	-	Civil Nuclear Constabulary Inspector
Mr J Beckwith	-	Magnox

Mr B Botley	-	Kent Against a Radioactive Environment
Mrs R Cavanagh	-	Communications, Dungeness B
Cllr E Last	-	Lydd Town Council
Chief Insp Sommerville	-	Kent Police
Ms M Stuart	-	Kent Against a Radioactive Environment
Mrs K Thomas	-	Dungeness A Site

III TO APPROVE THE MINUTES

3584 The minutes of the 24th SSG meeting held on Thursday 22th June 2017 were agreed as an accurate record. Col. Smythe has explained that he has been unable to get a firm acceptance from Public Health England, but is still pushing for them to attend a SSG meeting.

IV CORRESPONDENCE

3585 A list of Correspondence since the last meeting has been sent to the SSG.

V MATTERS ARISING – GEORGE SMYTHE

3586 Col. Smythe is still making attempts for the Public Health England to attend.

VI COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS REGARDING DUNGENESS A's CLOSURE DIRECTORS REPORT – PAUL WILKINSON CLOSURE DIRECTOR

3587 Paul Wilkinson Closure Director and ran through his report highlighting the following points:

- Safety is top of the agenda and was able to report that Dungeness A has not had a loss of time incident in 500 days.
- There have been new processes put in place following the Environmental Agency Challenge regarding the mixed metal skip. The Environmental Agency has sent a letter following the radioactive particles found in Asbestos.
- Dungeness A is currently the busiest site in Magnox and is in full blown decommissioning.
- The Pond Draining Project is due for completion in March 2018.
- In March 2018 there will no longer be 24/7 activity, security will still be in place, but operations will be moved to days.
- The fire that occurred on 28th September was due to hot works being carried out on a flat roof, which set the smoke alarm off. There were no injuries and was treated as a minor issue.

VII COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS REGARDING DUNGENESS B's STATION DIRECTORS REPORTS – JOHN BENN, PLANT MANAGER FOR STATION DIRECTOR

3588 John introduced himself as the new Plant Manager and explained that he has been in post a month, he ran through his report and highlighted the following points.

- Last year was a record year, this year will not be as good due to the compulsory outage, there was over 1200 tasks completed.
- During the outage there were some issues highlighted, a team has been set up to look at this upon return to service.

- Safety: No significant issues to report, there has been an injury to a member of staff but Occupational Health are reviewing the task to ensure this does not happen again.
- There will be recruitment events taking place over the next three months as EDF are looking to recruit six new apprentices.
- Vicky Brown has appeared in the Telegraph's top 50 women in Engineering, this is a fantastic article that shows the balance in the workforce.
- We have welcomed 20,000 visitors to the site.

3589 John welcomed questions from the SSG
 Q: Were the apprentices you have recently hired local?
 A: Yes, they were local and have settled in very well.
 We will also push for local talent, I believe in apprenticeships and this is something we will continue to push for.

VIII COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON ONR REPORT FOR DUNGENESS A – ROWLAND COOK, ONR INSPECTOR

3590 Rowland discussed his report and highlighted the following points:

- Dungeness A is an exposed site due to weather and sea spray and is showing high levels of corrosion. Magnox has invested to undertake the work needed, there has been a structural inspection by a specialist and the report should be finalised within the next few months.
- The Decommissioning is going well and there are impressive results after the last inspection. The ONR are happy with the activities taking place and were comfortable with those involved.
- Rowland discussed the issues concerning the fire and has explained that there was very minimal risk and was dealt with carefully and the site was unlucky.
- Dr Richard Savage, the Chief Inspector of the ONR has stepped down

3591 Rowland invited questions from the SSG
 Q: As we learnt about the fire from the local headlines, is it possible for a briefing to be sent out to the SSG if there are any additional incidents so we can calm the local area and be transparent.
 A: The site will compile a briefing, and the ONR will finalise reports, we agree these will need to prompt.

IX COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON ONR REPORT FOR DUNGENESS B – FIONA HUNTER, ONR INSPECTOR

3592 Fiona highlighted the following points from her report:

- The outage has now been completed. ONR conducted a number of interventions during the outage period to inform its decision on whether to grant consent for reactor 21 to re-start. The intention for the scope of the outage was achieved and only one issue was highlighted due to weld integrity, there was a prompt response and this was rectified. Permission to restart was given for 06/09/17.
- There was an unannounced inspection to look at restart activities including shift handover and this was positive.
- As required by REPPiR Dungeness B has submitted a report of assessment to ONR for assessment. This has prompted a review of the emergency planning zone, it is due to be finalised in March 2018 and Fiona will have further information ready for January Meeting.

X COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATES – PHIL FAHEY, EA INSPECTOR, DUNGENESS A AND ANDREW STONE, EA INSPECTOR, DUNGENESS B

3593 Phil Fahey, EA Inspector for Dungeness A delivered his report and highlighted the following points

- There has been a warning letter issued to Dungeness A for failure to segregate asbestos waste, following an investigation it was found that there was a failure to follow procedure. The EA issued Dungeness A with a warning letter as this was a similar incident to that in January 2017. The EA is liaising with the site to ensure adequate processes are in place to prevent these incidents from re-occurring.
- A site inspection was carried out on 7th August on gaseous and aqueous waste and no non-compliances were reported.

3594 Andrew Stone, EA Inspector for Dungeness B delivered the following key points from his report:

- EDF have applied for a variation to the Environmental Permit for discharging water to the English Channel to cater to a proposed new sewage treatment plant on site, this should replace the old A site sewage plant that is being used by the B Station. Further information has been requested.
 - EDF have notified us that they have exceeded their discharge limit and a new variation of permit has been issued, this has been added to the National Register.
 - Andrew highlighted the quality of Environment Management reports issued by Dungeness and this will work alongside the decommissioning plan and as all sites move to care and maintenance a new process will be adapted.

XI CHAIRMANS UPDATE – GEORGE SMYTHE, SSG CHAIRMAN

3595 Col. Smythe has delivered a presentation to the SSG and given the following updates, Col. Smythe and the Vice Chair, David Godfrey attended the following meetings between them, SSG Chairs Meeting in Warrington on 19th and 20th July 2017, Magnox Executive SSG Chairs Meeting 6th/7th September 2017, NDA Stakeholder Summit 17th/18th/19th September 2017. The Chair and Vice Chair found the meetings very informative and were able to give the following updates:

- Magnox Contract Termination: CFP/Magnox will continue to fulfil the contract until termination date which is believed to be 2019, there will be further information released after the Holliday Inquiry has been published. The interim has been released and is available for all to read.
- The NDA are drafting a new proposal on the future direction, this will be reflective in the SSG Constitution, and this is due to be completed in January 2018.

XII NDA UPDATE - JONATHAN JENKIN, NDA STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT MANAGER

3596 Jonathan Jenkin has delivered the following Key Points from his NDA Update:

- There have been two reports published since the last meeting, the interim Holliday Inquiry and the National Audit Office report. The Secretary of state has commissioned the Inquiry which has been chaired by Steve Holliday and should be available by mid-2018. The NDA have accepted the comments made on the procurement process and is committed to learning from them.

- Reactor Decommissioning – Following on from the 2016 Strategy (review takes place every 5 years) the NDA is reviewing the timescale for dismantling Magnox reactors following a better understanding of various factors, including rates of radioactive decay in the Graphite Core.
- Dismantlement of the reactors – the NDA is currently looking to develop a business case to submit to the government, which should be finalised by May 2018 to accelerate the dismantling of the reactors. There are factors to be considered, but more information should be available at the next meeting. The GDF consultation should be available shortly.

Jonathan welcomed questions from the SSG:

Q: Are we able to have a newsletter with updates

A: This is a good suggestion, I will feed this back

XIII SOCIO-ECONOMIC UPDATE – GEORGE SMYTHE, SSG CHAIRMAN

Col. George Smythe has discussed the positive outcomes that the Socio-Economic fund has had within the local community and has highlighted the recent article in The Looker Magazine. Col. Smythe has informed the SSG that the Good Neighbour fund is still available so please inform people and use the money.

XIV ANY OTHER BUSINESS

3597 If anyone would like an agenda item added please email Col. Smythe or Tracey Finn

XV DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

3598 AGM will take place on 18th January 2018 at The Assembly Rooms, New Romney

Meeting closed at 12:20