

**DUNGENESS A SITE AND B POWER STATION
DUNGENESS SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING
THE VISITORS CENTRE – DUNGENESS B POWER STATION
THURSDAY 9th MAY 2019**

ATTENDANCE:

Mrs L Barton	-	Lydd Airport Action Group
Mr J Benn	-	Plant Manager, Dungeness B
Mr Paul Berenguier	-	French Nuclear Safety Authority
Mr I Bramwell	-	ONR Superintending Inspector
Cllr M Burgess	-	Ashford Borough Council
Mr M Butlin	-	EDF Communications
Cllr P Coe	-	New Romney Town Council
Mr R Cook	-	ONR Inspector, Dungeness A
Mr I Cuthbert	-	Closure Director Designate, Dun A
Mr P Fahey	-	EA Inspector, Dungeness A
Mrs T Finn	-	SSG Secretariat
Mr D Godfrey	-	Deputy Chair
Mr J Goodsell	-	Magnox SJC Rep
Mr S Kirsopp	-	ONR Inspector, Dungeness B
Ms T Luetchford	-	Romney Marsh Partnership
Mr J McNamara	-	NDA
Mrs H Morris	-	Magnox
Mrs A Prentice	-	EDF, Dungeness B
Col G Smythe	-	Independent Chairman
Mr A Stone	-	EA Inspector, Dungeness B
Cllr P Thomas	-	New Romney Town Council
Mrs S Bowie-Wooler	-	Minute Taker

I INTRODUCTION

- 3684 Col. George Smythe welcomed the SSG and highlighted changes within local government due to local elections.

II APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 3685 Col. George Smythe explained that there is a list of attendees and apologies in their meeting pack.

III TO APPROVE THE MINUTES

- 3686 Minutes from meeting Thursday, 10 January 2019 have been agreed as a true reflection.

IV CORRESPONDENCE

- 3687 There is a list of correspondence which has been provided in the meeting packs

V MATTERS ARISING – GEORGE SMYTHE

3688 Col. George Smythe explained that they are still waiting on the following matters to be addressed:

- Workshop on Continuous Care and Maintenance, Col. Smythe explained that there has been very little movement on this and the SSG are still waiting on dates from the NDA.

VI COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS REGARDING DUNGENESS A'S CLOSURE DIRECTORS REPORT – PAUL WILKINSON, CLOSURE DIRECTOR DESIGNATE

3689 Apologies received from Mr Paul Wilkinson, Mr Ian Cuthbert delivered Dungeness Site A's report and highlighted the following:

- Safety is still a key focus for the site; they are currently at 1100 days without a lost time accident. 16 first aid incidents (minor accidents, nicks and cuts only) this has remained the same since last year and appears to have plateaued.
- Ponds have now been drained, and the decontamination project is going well, it is targeted for completion in a months' time. The ponds programme will be put on hiatus until phase 2 can commence in 2021.
- Waste Project – Wet waste facility, all equipment has now been tested at a site in Preston, staff were given the opportunity to spend time there to learn about the equipment and how to use it. It has now been installed and should be ready for use by mid-June.
- Asbestos Programme – still going well, this has slowed down due to funding. The Programme was due for completion by November 2019; this has now been reset for March 2020.
- Boilers to be removed and the Central Control Block will be demolished, there is a large amount of work to be carried out as the central alarm is ran through that block so will need to be rerouted. Possible transportation of the boilers would be to float them out to sea and tow to Dover and then ship them to their end destination. There is no intention to put them on the road outside of the Dover area, as they were shipped into Dungeness.
- NDA have given £34million in funding for Dungeness A, which has allowed the site to continue programmes.
- 1 September, there will be a complete new Executive team; the transition will not affect the team at Dungeness apart from Ian Cuthbert who will become the Closure Director at Sizewell.
- Transfer to waste from Bradwell to Dungeness, it will only be assets held at Dungeness, and then transferred to other sites in the Magnox estate and no waste will be transferred to Dungeness.

3690 Ian Cuthbert invited questions from the SSG

Cllr Paul Thomas: you mentioned 16 hand injuries; did any of these occur in C2 or C3 areas?

Ian Cuthbert: Sixteen Injuries, they were not all hand injuries. One person was in C2, none were in C3

Mrs Louise Barton: What was the change in taking waste from Bradwell?

Ian Cuthbert: Bradwell have now disposed of the waste themselves and there is no reason for it to come to Dungeness.

Col. George Smythe: You mentioned three new facilities, what will happen to these when the site is closed, are they transferable?

Ian Cuthbert: The Wet Waste facility is transferable, this will go to another site when Dungeness A is closed. The waste facility will be transferred for another use. Next week we do have a visit for colleagues from Japan, for the Fed plant and the intent for 2023 is that the MXD will be demolished.

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

3691 Mr Ian Stewart sent his apologies, Mr John Benn, Plant Manager delivered the Station Directors report on his behalf and highlighted the following points:

- Safety: There have been no significant issues since the last report. One industrial injury has been reported which involved a delivery driver, who tripped when delivering a photocopier and dislocated his finger.
- Operational: Both units are shut down, with the view to return to service by October/November. We are carrying out 100 per cent inspections for pipework defects and John Benn is the recovery manager on this programme.
- Corrosion Project: Is going very well, EDF has made a strong financial commitment to the site. To ensure that the plant is fit for return to service and to demonstrate to the regulator that we are fit for return to service.
- There is a fair amount of charity work being carried out within the station and all staff are busy raising money for Breast Cancer, the stations chosen charity. There will be a golf completion in August, which you can sign up for.

3692 John invited questions from the SSG:

Cllr David Godfrey: With the delays in return to service, and the intensive work that is being carried out does this hint that the plant will be extended?

John Benn: The investment work that is being carried out at the moment, is done with the hope of extending the life of the plant. The core is in good condition and we are not seeing the same graphite issues that other plants are experiencing. As the plant has been out of service for up to a year we will have a further year's life on the graphite core. Essentially we are trying to make the right decisions now, so we still have the option to run into the 2030s.

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

3693 Mr Rowland Cook delivered his report and highlighted the following points:

- We are currently on site carrying out inspections on the radiological protection measures used across the site. This is to monitor the exposure to people on site and to protect them from radioactivity. This is a routine inspection, there is a focus on this inspection as there have been reports of food wrappers being found in the radiological areas and there is a huge risk of radioactive molecules entering into the body. The control measures are good, monitoring is taking place and everything that can be done is being done, it appears to be individuals not respecting the rules. There will be more checks carried out and a firmer line of response will be taken. This is not a widespread issue, and the initiatives that will be implemented will help improve this issue.
- There are good developments being made at Dungeness A, there is now the formation of a plan and represents a change in thinking of the strategy of the way care and maintenance is being carried out. The NDA is moving towards complete demolition, which will avoid any further damage or degradation to the site.
- The 10 year periodic safety review (PSR) is now coming to an end and there has been an excellent response from the site, the commitments that have

been made mean that the ONR are happy for this to continue for a further 10 years.

- A new chair for the ONR has been appointed and Rowland will be leaving Dungeness, as his three year stint is now up and John Rogers is due to take over shortly.

3694 Rowland invited questions from the SSG:

Cllr Paul Thomas: In terms of the working practices and the transient nature of the contractors could the food wrappers be as a result of this? Or be transferred to other sites?

Rowland Cook: The contractors are usually drawn in locally, the issue is that most of the people we are dealing with are from the construction background and not from the nuclear industry, this can lead to difficulties to understanding the risks involved.

Tess Luetchford: How do you train people up in nuclear safety?

Rowland Cook: It is Magnox responsibility to deliver the training on radiological control training, it is available privately but it is expensive.

Col. George Smythe: Are you advocating an extension to decommissioning?

Rowland Cook: The decision letter states that the PSR is an adequate submission and the NDA are happy to continue for a further 10 years. We are happy that the management and plans in place are sufficient to maintain the standards set for the next 10 years.

IX COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON ONR REPORT FOR DUNGENESS B –STEPHEN KIRSOPP, ONR INSPECTOR

3695 Mr Kirsopp delivered his report and highlighted the following points:

- Non routine matters: We carried out an unplanned reactive compliance inspection on routine event reports which fall under Licence Condition LC7 (Incidents on the site). The station is very open in the reporting of events under LC7. However, shortfalls were found within one of the station's routine reporting which fell short of LC7 expectations and that of LC24 (Operating Instructions). As a result of the shortfall observed ONR issued an Enforcement Letter requesting the station to address the gaps found; the station has been proactive in addressing the gaps. Further details are available in the ONR report.
- A planned compliance inspection under licence condition 11 (Emergency arrangements) was undertaken for an emergency exercise demonstration "Vanguard". This exercise was to demonstrate the implementation of the Beyond Design Basis Equipment (BDBE). This inspection was supported by a large number of ONR inspectors given the nature of the exercise. ONR observed improvements in a number of areas however there were in the deployment of the BDBE In light of ONR's observations, a re-demonstration of the Alternative Access Control Point (AACP) and BDBE deployment during one of the shift exercises later this year has been requested by ONR.

3696 Stephen invited questions from the SSG

Col. George Smythe: When you discover problems with piping, and it's then repaired, do you send in a report or do the ONR go and inspect it.

John Benn: Both, we present a revised safety case and an inspection takes place. The ONR are regularly informed with issues and replacements to remain compliant.

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

3697 Mr Phil Fahey delivered his report and highlighted the following:

- There is some detail in the report regarding discharges related to the pond drain. There has been an increase in discharges over recent months, and we have asked the Operator if there is anything that can be done to reduce these discharges. Assessments by the Operator indicated that the present processes being carried out represented best available techniques. The Operator is still looking at other options to reduce discharges for the remainder of the pond drain. The discharges are still well below any permit limit.
- On our last inspection we took the opportunity to review the improvements made at site by the Operator following actions and recommendations made by us during inspections over the year and following a warning letter issued to the Operator in August 2018. We found improvements had been made. We will be carrying out a programme of waste quality checking later in the year. This will look at how waste is managed at site from creation to disposal.

3698 Phil Fahey: invited questions from the SSG

Col. George Smythe: Are you involved with the new process?

Phil Fahey: If there is an environmental impact then yes, we would expect to be involved with these new processes.

3699 Mr Andrew Stone delivered his report and highlighted the following:

- The EA is currently carrying out inspections on the type of waste that is being created by the site. This is to provide reassurances of the radioactivity of the waste before it is taken to be incinerated.
- There will be a habit survey carried out in Dungeness, which will be a study of practices and habits of people in the area. They would like to talk to residents, recreational visitors, fisherman and workers, to look at food consumption, if people grow their own produce and how long they spend in the area. This will gain information about radioactivity in food and the local environment. There will be a letter from CFAS, who will carry out the study – unsure of the start date and the EA will work in conjunction with the food standards agency and the ONR.

3700 Louise Barton commented that the Dungeness Residents Association should be here, as they should be a part of the survey. Col. George Smythe explained that they do not wish to join and he and Haf have attempted to encourage them to be part of the SSG on numerous occasions.

Andrew invited questions from the SSG

Col. George Smythe: What is the criteria for the habit survey?

Andrew Stone: The last survey was carried out in 2012, they will look at this as a starting point and they will come and talk to residents, partnerships, SSG etc. The CFAS are happy to talk to most people, and if you would like further information please write to them and they would be happy to help.

XI NDA UPDATE – JOHN MCNAMARA, NDA

3701 John McNamara introduced himself as the Head of Community Relations and highlighted the following from his report:

- The NDA has announced the consortium of preferred partners for taking forward the next phase of work at its subsidiary, Sellafield Ltd. been named as the preferred partner for Sellafield; this is brilliant news as there is a great deal of work to be carried out at Sellafield due to the high level waste produced. This will be managed directly under the Programme for Project Partners (PPP) this would ideally lead for a faster and more efficient service.
- Good news: Last week, there was the final transfer of highly enriched uranium from the UK to the US. This is part of a long-term international agreement by UK/US Governments to allow the reuse of the product for production of low-carbon fuel, and to be used in medical supplies – which will help save lives by the early detection of cancers.
- Radioactive Waste Management process has been restarted. The national Policy Statement will be designated by Parliament later in the year – and the NDA subsidiary RWM will be engaging with communities about the new process. the process will be different and further communications will be available shortly. The policy will be published and made available online.
- The NDA business plan has now been published to highlight the new changes as of 1 September. There is now plans for there to be ONE NDA and this will mean closer working with hopefully incorporate all subsidiaries into one team, and allow for a more efficient support network in place for all sites and teams.

John invited questions from the SSG, there was none.

XII SOCIO-ECONOMIC UPDATE – GEORGE SMYTH, SSG CHAIRMAN

3702 Col. George Smythe highlighted the importance of making applications for the funding available, as the funds are there to be used and can have great benefit to projects on the Marsh.

The NDA have retained Dungeness as a Top Priority group, which is brilliant as in comparison to some sites Dungeness have done very well.

There was a presentation from the newly appointed Head of Socio Economic, and Col. George Smythe has sensed that there may be a change to the big projects. Col. George Smythe invited Haf to speak, Haf confirmed that currently there are no changes, there will be moving forward the need to measure what the positive outcomes are and give value to the work that is being carried out. There will be a new portal, which is currently being developed. The NDA carried out an in-depth audit about funding and overall Magnox came out well due to the processes and criteria.

Haf said that if you want to apply, please contact her and she will go through it with you. Half of the money has been spent already due to multiyear funding commitments, Magnox will endeavour to support with projects where possible.

XIII GDF WORKSHOP IN LONDON – COL. GEORGE SMYTHE, SSG CHAIRMAN

3703 Col. George Smythe attended the Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) Presentation in London; this was to look at how this would be presented to the public. The local community need to be informed of the pros and cons of GDF as it is part of the

decommissioning process. Col. Smythe has offered Dungeness as a site to visit and have discussions with the Romney Marsh Partnership, local and county council representatives in attendance.

Col. George Smythe explained that the NDA would have centralised briefings, this is still in its infancy and would take place in London with all sites local to attend. Tracey and Col. George Smythe will send out a letter asking which the SSG would prefer. Col. George Smythe will put together a proposal with the SSG as to what is more suitable; this will then be taken back to the NDA.

XIV ANY OTHER BUSINESS

3704 None raised

XV DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

3705 Next meeting to take place on Thursday 30 January 2020 10:30, at Dungeness B Visitors Centre.