

## **Scottish Government Update**

### **Scottish Government Radioactive Substances Team**

James Fox has left the Radioactive Substances team for another post in SG and work on a replacement has begun. Martin MacDonald and Pat McAuley are the main points of contact for any matters relating to nuclear decommissioning and radioactive substances should any members wish to contact them ([Martin.MacDonald@gov.scot](mailto:Martin.MacDonald@gov.scot) [Pat.McAuley@gov.scot](mailto:Pat.McAuley@gov.scot)). Tony McFadden has also joined the team as a Nuclear Graduate Intern from the Office of Nuclear Regulation until March 2021.

### **Virtual Scottish Sites Stakeholder Group meeting – 7 December 2020**

As a result of COVID-19, there has not been a six-monthly Scottish Government Scottish Sites Stakeholder Group since 2019 (this was originally going to take place at Victoria Quay in March 2020). However following the necessary checks and testing, a virtual meeting is to be held on 7 December at 14.00 via the WebEx platform. Papers and joining details have now been sent to members.

### **BEIS Policy Review**

BEIS have recommenced their work on the policy review on radioactive substances and nuclear decommissioning. The Scottish Government have provided comments on chapters within the draft BEIS consultation document and await a further version for review. The timing on this work has been delayed although BEIS have indicated they would like to publish the consultation in early 2021 at the latest.

The Scottish Government will provide further updates to the Chapelcross SSG as this work develops.

### **Scottish Higher Activity Waste (HAW) Policy Review**

Following the meeting of the Higher Activity Waste Scottish Strategy Implementation Group (HAWSSIG) this year, the Scottish Government has collated and analysed feedback from members on what the 10 year review should encompass. This feedback is being used to form a draft policy document with the intention to have a first draft for review by members of HAWSSIG in early 2021. The policy team ensure all interested parties in the Chapelcross SSG are kept up to date on progress with this work.

### **NDA Strategy IV**

The public consultation on the NDA Strategy IV was launched on 17 August and closed on 8 November 2020. The Scottish Government are now currently working with the NDA to analyse the responses including those from the Chapelcross SSG, so we are aware of any aspects which need to be captured in the final Strategy from a Scottish perspective

### **ONR – 7<sup>th</sup> Joint Convention report**

Engagement also continues on the work being lead by ONR on the 7<sup>th</sup> Joint Convention report (to the International Atomic Energy Authority on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management) with the policy team ensuring that Scottish polices and priorities are captured as required. The report is expected to be published soon after ministerial approval.

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