

**OLDBURY ON SEVERN POWER STATION
SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP
SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS ARISING AT THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 7 AUGUST 2019, 1300HRS**

- Chairman Mr Malcolm Lynden welcomed members to the meeting.
- Mr Mike Heaton, Site Closure Director, reported on recent activities at the Oldbury site. He said that the Site had maintained high standards of safety, environmental and security performance and there were no significant events to report.
- Mr Heaton described the progress of work in decommissioning the former fuel cooling ponds. He said that most of the equipment used for handling fuel in the pond had been removed and the pond had been drained and cleaned. He said that the ponds were nearing the end of this stage of decommissioning and were approaching the state in which they would be left until final site clearance.
- Mr Heaton reported on progress with the transition to new organisational arrangements in September when Magnox would become a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority. Jobs and responsibilities on the Oldbury site would not be affected by this transition.
- A report was received from the local site inspector of the Office for Nuclear Regulation. Alex Lord, the Environment Agency's lead regulator for the Oldbury Site reported on his activities and said that assessments had demonstrated that the potential radiation exposure of members of the public from discharges of radioactivity from the site was at a very low level.
- Mr Jonathan Jenkin presented a report on behalf of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority. He gave details of meetings and consultations with stakeholders undertaken recently by the NDA.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE OLDBURY CONFERENCE
CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 7 AUGUST 2019, 1300 HRS**

PRESENT:

Mr M Lynden (in the chair)	-	Oldbury on Severn Parish Council
Cllr Ms C Collinson	-	Aust Parish Council
Cllr D Dovey	-	Monmouthshire County Council
Cllr D Griffiths	-	Oldbury on Severn Parish Council
Cllr J O'Neill	-	South Gloucestershire Council
Cllr C Parkinson	-	Thornbury Town Council
Cllr M Riddle	-	South Gloucestershire Council
Mr B Roberts	-	Thornbury Chamber of Commerce
Mr J Stanton	-	Berkeley SSG
Cllr K Sullivan	-	Oldbury on Severn Parish Council
Mr K Warren	-	Lower Severn Internal Drainage Board

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr J Jenkin	-	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
Mr A Lord	-	Environment Agency
Ms G Ellis-King	-	South Gloucestershire Council
Mr M Heaton	-	Site Closure Director
Mrs E Vaughan Lewis	-	Magnox Communications
Ms S Stagg	-	James Reed PR for Horizon Nuclear Power
Mr W Gill		
Mr G Vaughan Lewis		
Mr J McHugh		
Mr B Delve		
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 Mr N Shaw.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(a) Accuracy

- 3 The minutes of the meeting of this Group held on 30 January and of the meeting held jointly with Berkeley SSG on 22 May 2019 were approved as accurate records.

4 Mr Lynden felt it was important that the minutes of meetings held on a joint basis with the Berkeley SSG should be reviewed at the intervening meetings. Referring to the visits arranged for SSG members to the two Sites he said that he had been pleased to see the interest shown by Berkeley SSG members in visiting Oldbury and vice versa and he felt that there were opportunities for developing further the arrangements for joint working between the two Groups. He suggested that it might be appropriate for all meetings of the two Groups to be held jointly with a large part of the agenda covering common issues but with space allocated on each agenda for the discussion of site-specific issues. Members agreed that such an arrangement could form the basis for future meetings. It was agreed that Mr Stanton should raise the matter at the meeting of the Berkeley SSG later in the day and, subject to the agreement of that Group, Mr Lynden and Mr Stanton would give further consideration to finalising such arrangements.

(b) Matters arising

5 There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meetings.

CONFIRMATION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

6 Members confirmed unanimously the appointment of Mr Lynden and Cllr Riddle as chair and vice-chair of this group respectively for the coming year.

PUBLIC FORUM

7 Mr Lynden invited members of the public to raise any issues which might not arise in discussion later in the meeting.

8 Mr Gill drew attention to the poster which had been sent to members in advance of the meeting for their use in publicising the event. He felt that such a poster should specifically state that members of the public were invited to attend. He suggested that the poster could also state simply the purpose of the meeting and possibly include an e-mail point of contact for further information. Members suggested that additional publicity for the meetings could be given in parish magazines and websites.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

Site Closure Director's Report

9 Mr Heaton reported on recent activities at the Oldbury site, drawing particular attention to the following:

- (i) High standards of safety, environmental and security performance had been maintained and there had been no significant events since the date of the previous meeting.

- (ii) Good progress had been made in decommissioning the former cooling ponds with a large proportion of the fuel handling equipment having been removed, the storage and despatch bays emptied, and ponds drained and cleaned. Some further items of equipment were to be removed during the coming year but the ponds were nearing the end of this stage of decommissioning. At some sites where ponds were housed in a separate building, the entire buildings had been demolished but the Oldbury ponds, being in the reactor basement were now approaching the state in which they would remain until final site clearance.
 - (iii) Magnox was undergoing a period of transition to new organisational arrangements in advance of it becoming a wholly owned subsidiary of the NDA in September 2019. A new executive team had been appointed and they were undergoing a period of training and site familiarisation but there would be no changes in staffing on the Oldbury Site as a result of the transition to the new organisational arrangements.
 - (iv) The Site had hosted a successful visit by members of the SSG on 11 July.
 - (v) The site continued to provide socio-economic support for local causes and organisations. Members were invited to contact Mrs Vaughan-Lewis if they wished to propose any potential recipients for such funding.
- 10 In reply to a question from Cllr Riddle, Mr Heaton said that during operation of the power station irradiated fuel had been stored in the cooling pond for a minimum of 90 days before despatch from site. Cllr Riddle recognised that the quantities of radioactive material stored on the Site currently were very small compared with the quantities stored during earlier operation of the plant.
- 11 Cllr Riddle commented on the marked change in levels of noise and apparent activity on the Site during the recent visit compared with his experience of visits to the Site whilst the plant was generating electricity.

Office for Nuclear Regulation

- 12 It was noted that Mr Shaw had been unable to attend this meeting. A report on ONR's regulatory activities in relation to the Oldbury site had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting. No questions were raised by members on the ONR report.

Environment Agency

- 13 Mr Lord presented a report on the Environment Agency's regulatory activities in relation to the Oldbury Site which had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting. He drew particular attention to the following:
- (i) The Agency had carried out an inspection since the previous meeting covering competence and resources at the Oldbury Site; the inspection had produced satisfactory results there were no non-compliances.

- (ii) Mr Lord referred to the liquid discharges associated with draining of the former cooling ponds. As discussed at previous meetings discharge levels during that work had been elevated compared to the normally low levels but discharges had remained well within permitted levels and assessments has confirmed that potential exposures to members of the public resulting from those discharges were very low.
 - (iii) The Agency had varied the discharge permits for all nuclear sites to include conditions relating to the implementation of guidance for the release of sites from radioactive substances regulation after the conclusion of all work on sites (GRR). The requirements for Sites included the preparation of a waste management plan and an environmental safety case and operators would be required to engage with stakeholders in the preparation of these documents.
- 14 Mr Heaton said that in undertaking consultations relating to implementation of the GRR the company would give priority to those sites with the earliest dates for entry into care and maintenance. He anticipated that such consultations for Oldbury might commence in three or four years' time.
- 15 Cllr Riddle expressed some surprise that the largest potential exposure of a member of the public to radioactivity from discharges was considered to be to a fisherman rather than a local resident. Mr Lord said that direct radiation from the site was at a very low level, the largest potential exposure was assessed as being to persons directly interacting with accumulations of radioactivity in the environment.

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

- 16 Mr Jenkin provided an update on issues of current interest, drawing particular attention to the following:
- (i) The NDA had held its third annual stakeholder summit on Anglesey during the past month.
 - (ii) The NDA was undertaking a series of regional roadshow events focusing on strategic developments and the process for selection of a site for a geological disposal facility.
 - (iii) The NDA had published its annual report and accounts. Copies of the report and a summary document were available on the website.
 - (iv) A new process of "mission reporting" on progress was being introduced.
 - (v) A number of senior NDA officers were due to retire in the near future.
 - (vi) Over 11,000 containers of low level waste had been diverted from storage in the Low Level Waste Repository. By diverting these wastes to other recycling or disposal routes valuable capacity at the LLWR had been conserved.

17 Mr Lynden felt that the NDA's regional roadshow event at Aztec West had been particularly interesting and helpful.

CHAIR'S UPDATE

18 Mr Lynden reported on his recent activities as chairman of this Group.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No Business

DATE TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

19 It was noted that the next meeting of this Group, a joint meeting with members of the Berkeley SSG, was to be held on 30 October 2019 at the Oldbury Conference Centre.

MJD
8 August 2019