

## **Scottish Government Update to Chapelcross Stakeholder Group – 19 May 2021**

### **Scottish Government Radioactive Waste and Nuclear Decommissioning Policy Team**

The team and department has undergone some severe changes over the last couple of months.

We have had several changes to our senior management. Kevin Quinlan has taken over as our Director and Aiden Grisewood has taken over as deputy director. As Roseanna Cunningham has retired, we are also waiting on our new cabinet secretary being announced.

Diane Hamilton ([Diane.Hamilton@gov.scot](mailto:Diane.Hamilton@gov.scot)) joined the Radioactive Substances team in February, replacing James Fox. She has come from the Dept for Work and Pensions.

Pat McAuley has accepted a new role elsewhere in Scottish Government. His replacement is Dan Couldridge and he takes up his position on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May.

Tony McFadden, who was a Nuclear Graduate Intern who had been assisting the team, left at the end of March 2021 when his 6 month secondment ended.

### **BEIS led Policy Review (Command Paper 2919)**

BEIS recommenced their work on the policy review on radioactive substances and nuclear decommissioning. The Scottish Government provided comments on chapters within the draft consultation document as required. The timing on the potential publication of the consultation has been delayed until the summer of 2021 (this is primarily due to Welsh and Scottish general elections).

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

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

The Scottish Government is preparing a consultation on the review of the Scottish Government Higher Activity Waste Policy statement (2011). The policy for higher activity waste policy remains that the long-term management of higher activity radioactive waste should be in near-surface facilities. Facilities should be located as near to the site where the waste is produced as possible.

It is estimated that the launch of the consultation will commence in the summer. The Scottish Government will provide further updates to the Chapelcross Stakeholder Group as this work develops.

## **NDA Strategy IV**

The public consultation on the NDA Strategy IV was launched on 17 August and closed on 8 November 2020. The document has been approved by both UK and Scottish Ministers and was published on 18 March 2021 as well as being laid at the Scottish Parliament.

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

Engagement also continues on the work being led 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 policies and priorities are captured as required. The report is expected to be published soon after ministerial approval.

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