

Scottish Government Update

Scottish Government Radioactive Substances Team

Diane Hamilton (Diane.Hamilton@gov.scot) has recently joined the Radioactive Substances team replacing James Fox. She has come from the Child Support Agency. Tony McFadden, who is a Nuclear Graduate Intern who has been assisting the team, will leave at the end of March 2021 when his 6 month secondment ends.

Virtual Scottish Sites Stakeholder Group meeting – 7 December 2020

A virtual meeting SSSG meeting was held on 7 December at 14.00. The participation and engagement from members on a wide range of subjects was greatly appreciated. A future virtual SSSG meeting (this time via MS Teams) will be scheduled for around June 2021 with more details on this to follow in due course.

BEIS led Policy Review

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 SSG as this work develops.

Scottish Higher Activity Waste (HAW) Policy Review

Following feedback from the Higher Activity Waste Scottish Strategy Implementation Group (HAWSSIG), the Scottish Government is now creating a public consultation document. It is estimated that the launch of the consultation will commence in the summer.

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 document has been approved by both UKG and Scottish Ministers and will be published on 18 March 2021 as well as being laid at the Scottish Parliament.

Should any members of the Chapelcross SSG have questions on this, please contact either Pat.McAuley@gov.scot or Martin.MacDonald@gov.scot.

ONR – 7th Joint Convention report

Engagement also continues on the work being led by ONR on the 7th 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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