

Scottish Government Update to Hunterston Stakeholder Group – 2nd December 2021

Scottish Government Radioactive Waste and Nuclear Decommissioning Policy Team

BEIS led Policy Review (Command Paper 2919)

The Rad Subs team is continuing to engage with BEIS and other organisations on the development of the draft policy framework and the process for consultation by providing comments and input regarding the context in Scotland. The development process is a significant piece of work which is still ongoing and it is now likely that the consultation will commence in the New Year.

The Scottish Government will continue to feed into this work and provide further updates as this develops.

UK Radioactive Substances Common Framework

We have also been undertaking further work along with the UK Government and the other devolved administrations on a Common Framework Agreement regarding Radioactive Substances policy. The Framework establishes an agreed approach between the four UK administrations where powers have returned from the EU which intersect with policy areas of devolved competence and is intended to put in place a governance structure and shared ways of working in line with our current and future obligations. Ultimately the Framework, when ready, will be scrutinised by all four UK parliaments.

We will provide further updates as this work progresses.

Nuclear third party liability regime: Low Level Waste Exclusion

Scottish Government officials are working with officials and BEIS, Welsh Government and SEPA to consider options to implement an earlier commitment to allow certain sites to apply to be excluded from the Nuclear Third Party Liability regime. While we do not expect this work to affect any of the nuclear sites in Scotland, officials will need to consider who the competent authority will be that will make decisions on future applications. This work is expected to be implemented in early 2022, via amendments to the Nuclear Installation Act 1965.

Scottish Nuclear Sites Stakeholder Group Meeting

The next meeting has been organised by SG for the 18th January 2022 at 2pm. The meeting will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams. If you have not received an invite to the meeting and wish to attend, please email diane.hamilton@gov.scot

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