

Scottish Government Update to Chapelcross Site Stakeholder Group – 16th November 2022

Scottish Government Radioactive Substances and Nuclear Decommissioning Policy Team

Higher Activity Waste Policy (HAW) Implementation

SG is currently developing a programme of work to further progress the delivery of the commitments in the 2016 HAW Strategy. This will comprise a number of specific work streams and projects that will enable SG and partners to deliver against the commitments made in the implementation strategy.

This includes a high level and technical piece of work assessing the credible options for near surface disposal concepts which may be suitable for the disposal of the higher activity waste generated in Scotland. This project will not be making any decisions on a final disposal concept, or location. It's an early investigatory piece of work and a first step at looking at near surface disposal (NSD) in Scotland.

This is the first project of many that will be required to understand NSD in Scotland. Further work after this research will be required to move NSD forward. Final outcomes of this initial work will be in July 2023

We will continue to update and engage stakeholders, including the SSG's, throughout the process. We were due to give a short presentation on this work at the meeting on the 16th but due to unforeseen circumstances, we are unable to attend this meeting. We would be happy to rearrange the presentation for another date or the next SSG meeting.

Work with NDA

The SG team also attended the NDA Stakeholder Summit in Edinburgh in September and supported the Minister for Environment and Land Reform, Mairi McAllan, as she delivered the keynote speech. The summit was an excellent opportunity to network with stakeholders from across the UK and highlight the importance of nuclear decommissioning in Scotland and joint working between Scottish Government and NDA.

https://twitter.com/ScotGovNetZero/status/1567542749800398849?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Etweet

The annual meeting between Scottish Ministers and the NDA Chair to discuss nuclear decommissioning in Scotland will also be due in the early part of the new year.

UK Energy Bill

The UK Energy Bill, which contains provisions regarding nuclear sites, is on hold at the moment but will recommence its parliamentary passage at both Westminster and Holyrood in due course. The Scottish Government's legislative consent motion was laid at the Scottish Parliament in September.

[Energy Bill | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

[Energy Bill \[HL\] - Parliamentary Bills - UK Parliament](#)

Site Visits

The SG team have also been progressing with in person site visits/meetings to further our understanding of local issues and have been to Dounreay and Torness this year. A visit to Chapelcross for a tour of the site is in the diary for January 2023.

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