

## **BERKELEY NUCLEAR LICENSED SITE**

### **SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP**

#### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT**

#### **THE BEST WESTERN GABLES HOTEL ON 4 NOVEMBER 2009**

##### **PRESENT:**

Cllr Mrs P Wride (Chair)	-	Ham and Stone Parish Council
Rev R Avery		
Mr F I Baker	-	National Farmers' Union
Mr J Beckett	-	Stroud District Council
Cllr D Burgess	-	Alkington Parish Council
Cllr J Greenwood	-	Lydney Town Council
Cllr G Lewis	-	Alkington Parish Council
Cllr J Stanton	-	Stroud District Council
Cllr D Wride	-	Stroud District Council
Ms S Hill	-	Vale Vision

##### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Dr D Warner	-	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
Mr K Littlewood	-	Environment Agency
Mr S Sargent	-	Berkeley Site Director
Mr P Matthews	-	Mini Stores Project
Mr S Payne	-	Berkeley Licensed Site
Ms A Sinton	-	Berkeley Licensed Site
Mr M J Davis (Secretary)		

##### **INTRODUCTION**

- 1 Cllr Mrs Wride welcomed all those present to this meeting of the Berkeley Nuclear Licensed Site Stakeholder Group.

##### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 2 Apologies for absence were received from:

Mr David Drew MP		
Mr Mark Harper MP		
Cllr V Shenoi	-	Forest of Dean District Council
Ms J Simmonds	-	Health Protection Agency
Cllr B Booth	-	Gloucestershire County Council
Mr A Jardine	-	Berkeley Estate Office
Mr M Pennington	-	Gloucestershire Police
Mr G Wheeler	-	Vale Vision

## **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8 JULY 2009**

### **(a) Accuracy**

3 The minutes of the meeting of this Group held on 8 July 2009 were approved as an accurate record.

### **(b) Matters arising**

4 There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

## **BERKELEY SITE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

5 Mr Sargent had given a report on current issues at the joint meeting with members of the Oldbury SSG immediately prior to this meeting. Discussion continued, particularly on options for the storage of intermediate level waste. The following points were noted:

- (i) The mini store option enabled wastes to be retrieved sooner, giving earlier experience in the processing of the wastes, and also provided greater flexibility to accommodate any future changes in arrangements.
- (ii) There was some scope for a short delay in starting construction work on the proposed I LW store in order to allow a decision to be taken on the mini stores option. Mr Sargent said that if the mini store option was selected he anticipated that changes to the existing planning consent would be kept to a minimum.
- (iii) Cllr Burgess emphasised that transport on local roads during construction would be the issue of greatest concern to local residents.
- (iv) Mr Matthews said that the mini stores option would allow the use of smaller vehicles for transport of the containers away from the site for ultimate disposal.
- (v) Mr Baker said it appeared to him that the volume of traffic using local roads had increased during recent months. This could not be explained by any changes in work or shift patterns.
- (vi) Cllr Burgess drew attention to current consultation on Severn Estuary flood prevention policy.

## **NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING AUTHORITY UPDATE**

6 Dr Warner had reported on issues of current interest to the NDA at the joint meeting with members of the Oldbury SSG immediately prior to this meeting. Issues arising during further discussions included:

- (i) Intermediate level waste stores had been built at Trawsfynydd and Hunterston. There was just time to change proposals for ILW storage at

the Berkeley site if the alternative option proved to be acceptable and preferable. The nature of the waste at Berkeley was different from that at other sites.

- (ii) Technical and regulatory issues would dominate the forthcoming discussions on the acceptability of the mini store option. It would not be practicable to arrange for further discussions with this Group in advance of the regulatory response and subsequent NDA assessment of the business case; the latter was expected on 15 December.

#### **FOCUS GROUP**

- 7 Mr Payne asked members if they would assist him in studies he was undertaking by giving their views on the role and activities of the Site Stakeholder Group. Members provided Mr Payne with comments on the role of the group, its openness and transparency, and the extent to which its membership was representative of the local community.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 7 It was agreed that a meeting to allow further discussions on the possible use of mini stores for intermediate level wastes should be held during January.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

- 8 It was noted that the date and venue of the next meeting of this Group would be confirmed in due course.

MJD

9 November 2009