

**DUNGENESS A AND B POWER STATIONS
SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP
NOTES OF THE 3rd MEETING HELD AT
DUNGENESS B TRAINING CENTRE ON 26 APRIL 2007**

SSG members present:

Col G F Smythe	-	Chairman
Mr A Parry	-	Vice Chairman
Cllr C Albrow	-	Lydd Town Council
Mrs L Barry	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Mr R Copp	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Ms S Covey-Crump	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Cllr V Dawson	-	Shepway District Council
Ms J Dear	-	Natural England
Mr M England	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Mr R Gordon	-	London Ashford Airport
Mr P Heaton	-	Environment Agency
Sgt L Howse	-	Lydd Police
Ms K Hudson	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Cllr M Kenward	-	Rother District Council
Cllr D Lawton	-	New Romney Town Council
Mr O Leyshon	-	Romney Marsh Countryside Project
Mr S Moules	-	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
Mr P Mountford-Lister	-	Environment Agency
Mr A Oulton	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Cllr A Paul	-	New Romney Town Council
Mr M Pearce	-	British Energy
Cllr W Richardson	-	Shepway District Council
Mr B Roberts	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Mr G Roberts	-	Environment Agency
Mr S Shaw	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Mr J Stevens	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Mr S Stevenson	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Mr P Warham	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Mrs L Whenday	-	Dungeness Residents Association
Dr W Wright	-	Kent & Essex Sea Fisheries
Mr P Woolston	-	Marsh Forward

SSG observers present:

Ms R Jones	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Mr J Burrows	-	NII (Dungeness A)
Sgt L Howse	-	Lydd Police
Station Officer D Stock	-	Kent Fire & Rescue
Dr C P Wells	-	Kent & Canterbury Hospital

I INTRODUCTION

2315 Col Smythe welcomed members and guest members to the 3rd meeting of the Site Stakeholder Group (SSG). It had been a busy period since the last meeting with members involved in local, national issues, Waste Issues Group (WIG), Final End State Paper and the National SSG.

II APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2316 The following apologies for absence were received:

Mr P Crow	- Dungeness A Power Station
Mr T Dapling	- Sussex Sea Fisheries
Mr T Davison	- Dungeness B Power Station
Mr D Dicker	- Dungeness A Power Station
Mr G Finn	- Dungeness B Power Station
Mr R Forrest	- Dungeness A Power Station
Mr B Gadd	- East Sussex County Council
Mr M Hassell	- Government Office South East
Mr G Holt	- NHS
Mr R Johnson	- Channel Chamber of Commerce
Mr D James	- Dungeness B Power Station
Insp H Keating	- Sussex Police
Cllr M Martin	- Ashford Borough Council
Mr S Matthews	- Dungeness A Power Station
Mr G McHale	- Folkestone & Dover Water Services
Mr S Mills	- Rother District Council
Mrs H Morris	- Dungeness A Power Station
Mr R Timpson	- Dungeness A Power Station
Mr M Tyrer	- NII (Dungeness B Power Station)
Mr D Webbe-Wood	- Food Standards Agency

III MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 NOVEMBER 2005

2317 The minutes of the 2nd Site Stakeholder Group (SSG) meeting held on 23 November 2006 were agreed as an accurate record.

IV MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

2318 There were no actions arising from the previous meeting, however the following issues were discussed:

2319 2311 – Col Smythe advised that the SSG Constitution and Terms of Reference would be revisited. The Steering Committee had discussed voting rights for members, and is awaiting the outcome of similar discussions within the National SSG. The results of these discussions will be presented at the next meeting.

2320 Road on Dungeness Estate: The Environment Agency have repaired the road mentioned in the previous meetings but repairs are now required for the road adjacent to it.

2321 Mrs L Whenday advised the meeting that she was now Chair of the Residents Association, and as such would be approaching Dungeness B re: carrying out repairs to the road.

2322 Mrs L Whenday advised that final reports from the NSSG and WIG would be issued in July, and forwarded to the Government in October.

V SITE MANAGER'S REPORT – A STATION

2323 The Site Manager's report was circulated with the agenda.

2324 Mr Copp advised that he had taken over as Site Director in January. Mark England, Deputy Site Director was introduced; he has joined Dungeness A from Hinkley Point.

2325 Mr Copp explained that current funding has been reduced to £39.9m, down from £59m a year ago. Out-year figures are expected shortly.

2326 Ms L Whenday asked whether discharges would increase on completion of the Alternative Effluent Discharge Lines project

2327 Mr Copp advised that it should lead to a reduction in the discharges.

VI STATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT – DUNGENESS B

2328 The Station Director's report was circulated with the Agenda.

2329 Mr Oulton, Station Director introduced Rachel Jones, Human Resources Manager.

2330 Mr Oulton advised those present that British Energy has raised a holding objection in response to the proposed extension of Lydd Airport, until such time that they can confirm that there are no safety implications to the Site Licence Conditions and Safety Case. In particular they have requested further information on the type of planes, number of planned flights, what affect the expansion will have on the Emergency Planning Zone and assembly areas. Following discussions with our Regulators, Dungeness B will then consult LAAG. Part of the holding objection is the effect on possible future new builds.

2331 British Energy and the Met Office have been working together to look at the effects of climate change and sea level rises on Dungeness B and any future new build. Global warming will have a minor affect which can be mitigated.

2332 Cllr Richardson advised the meeting that surveys carried out had recorded no rise in water levels from Hythe to Rye Bay in the last 10 years; in fact they appear to be slightly lower.

- 2333 Mrs L Whenday stated that members of the public were concerned and needed enlightening on the repercussions of a plane flying into one of the ponds i.e., what would happen? They need to be made aware that the ponds are half the size of swimming pool and covered.
- 2334 Col Smythe asked when the Government were expected to make a decision on the White Paper. He was informed that the decision was expected within the next few months, although further consultation may be required for any new Nuclear build.
- 2335 Mr Oulton also advised that there had been two clean CO2 leaks resulting in site incidents, and which had been caused by a pin-hole in the pipework. He confirmed that there had been no threat either on or off site.

VII FEEDBACK FROM A PARRY – SSG VISIT TO SELLAFIELD

- 2336 Mr Parry gave feedback on a visit to Sellafield by the National SSG. The next NDA meeting will be held in July and Col Smythe will attend, and feed back at the next meeting.
- 2337 Mr Parry said that Sellafield is an enormous site which was utterly awe inspiring. Although Sellafield has had its fair share of bad press, they are extremely safety conscious of its people and processes.
- 2338 The waste reception pond at Sellafield is a huge covered lake, with rows of flasks three deep under the water. The logistics of the ponds is very impressive. Due to pond handling investment etc., they have come a long way since the early 60's. The second visit was to the Magnox storage silo, which was the worst nuclear facility in Europe, and is now trying to reclaim problems from early builds. They are getting there, but experienced problems way beyond anything they had expected.
- 2339 The Magnox reprocessing plant where gravity is used to move the waste was impressive and very interesting.
- 2340 The dedication and enthusiasm of their staff was impressive, and surprisingly they were shown the worst and best parts of Sellafield. Mr Parry advised that the Sellafield visitor centre is well worth a visit if visiting the area.
- 2341 Mrs L Whenday advised that the vitrification process was explained but was not included in the visit. She also advised that storage of received waste (from all over the world) was in large ponds which were at less than 70% capacity.

VIII CORRESPONDENCE

- 2342 None forwarded for discussion.

IX COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATES

2343 There were no questions or comments on the Dungeness A and Dungeness B Environmental Updates which were circulated prior to the meeting.

X REPORT ON MEETING OF THE EMERGENCY PLANNING CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON 8th FEBRUARY 2007

2344 No questions or comments received.

XI NDA UPDATE

2345 Mr S Moules of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) gave feedback on:

- Competing of Sellafield and the Magnox sites, he explained that the initial contracts will be for five years, which can then be extended to 17 years.
- The Magnox South competition is underway and includes Dungeness A.
- Nuclear Skills – The NDA will contribute over £19 million to the funding of a National Nuclear Skills Academy which will have links to other universities around the country, including Hastings College.
- Nirex, Geological facility.
- Socio-Economic Policy – £100K has now been allocated to Dungeness A for regeneration projects.
- The recent IT refresh has freed up equipment and 40 Desk Top computers, laptops etc are available to local charities or groups. If anybody is interested advise S Moules who will co-ordinate responses.
- Local Plan available from S Moules following the meeting.

2346 Mrs L Whenday requested information on the competition of Sellafield and the Magnox Southern Bundle and whether they could they be sold to a foreign company? S Moules responded that Sellafield and the Sites would continue to belong to the NDA and that site staff and management will not be affected by the sale which would go to a Management Company with a proven competence. The Regulators will of course continue to monitor the sites.

2347 Col Smythe advised that the SSG had issued the Final End State Report to the NDA.

2348 S Moules confirmed that the consultation at Dungeness had been very robust and that he would circulate the report when it became available.

2349 There was a vast polarity at the other sites with members of the public voting for new build, return to nature it would be interesting to know what various sites had decided and the rationales used.

2350 Mrs L Whenday

As chairman of the SSG Steering Group thanked Haf, and her team, Brenda and Tracey for all their support and hard work. We attended a meeting in London in January on End Site States and our consultation was outstandingly very successful – some others used professional pollsters and had only about 10% of the answers we achieved.

As Press Officer for the SSG I would like to thank all the media I contacted and the Lydd Church magazine etc. and all the venues and members who manned them. Many thanks to all concerned.

2351 B Roberts, Dungeness A – Raised the concern that the funding cuts in December had led to ‘streamlining of Contractors on site. If further cuts take place, could it then affect Station Staff as well?
Funding will have to be prioritised to where it is needed most i.e., Sellafield, that’s where the hazards are, critical path decommissioning activities etc. The sites will need to retain staff in order to maintain skills; there will be more self performing of work which in turn will lead to development opportunities for the staff.

XII ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2352 L Whenday, Chair of the Steering Committee felt that Residents Associations were not well represented at the SSG, and that it would welcome attendance from more members of the public at meetings.

2353 Col Smythe agreed, and advised that although the AGM last year had been well publicised, no members of the public had attended.

Communi- 2354 It was agreed that local Residents Associations would be advised of the meetings and welcome to send a representative to ensure that local issues are being covered. Communications Team to explore and report back at the next meeting.

2355 Col Smythe advised that the Waste Issues Group (WIG) report is to be issued, and that the results and conclusion will be presented at the next meeting.

XIII DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th September 2007 at 19:00 hours in the Assembly Rooms, New Romney.