

**DUNGENESS A AND B POWER STATIONS
SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP
NOTES OF THE 1st MEETING HELD AT
DUNGENESS B TRAINING CENTRE ON 10 NOVEMBER 2005**

SSG members present:

Col G F Smythe	-	Chair
Mr A Parry	-	Vice Chair
Cllr C Albrow	-	Lydd Town Council
Mr A Baker	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Mrs L Barry	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Mr Clark	-	Sussex Sea Fisheries
Mr P Crow	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Mr D Dicker	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Mr G Finn	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Mr R Forrest	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Cllr B Gadd	-	East Sussex County Council
Cllr D Gordon	-	Shepway District Council
Dr S Hall	-	British Nuclear Group
Cllr B Hart	-	Hastings Borough Council
Mr M Hassell	-	Government Office S.E.
Mr R Hinds	-	London Ashford Airport
Ms K Hudson	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Insp A Judd	-	Ashford Police
Cllr D Lawton	-	New Romney Town Council
Mr C Lloyd	-	Environment Agency
Cllr Mrs M Martin	-	Ashford Borough Council
Mrs H Morris	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Mr S Moules	-	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
Ms K Mueller	-	Health Protection Agency
Mr M Pearce	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Cllr W Richardson	-	Shepway District Council
Mr B Roberts	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Cllr A Snoad	-	New Romney Town Council
Mrs V Tully	-	New Romney Town Council
Mr P Warham	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Dr C P Wells	-	Kent & Canterbury Hospital
Mrs L Whenday	-	Dungeness Residents Association
Mr P Woolston	-	Marsh Forward

SSG observers present:

Ms A Banjoko	-	Foods Standards Agency
Mr S Dentten	-	Shepway Primary Care Trust
Mr A Dugdale	-	Foods Standards Agency
G Illinsworth	-	G.O.S.E.
CI S Kehily	-	Kent Police
Mr P Milne	-	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
DCI D Murphy	-	Kent Police
Ms A Russell-Stevenson	-	British Nuclear Group
Mr T Squire	-	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
Mr C Temple	-	Nuclear Installations Inspectorate, Dungeness B
Mr S Thompson	-	Civil Nuclear Constabulary
Ms P Waterman	-	British Nuclear Group
Mrs A Weir	-	Dungeness A Power Station
CI D Worsell	-	Civil Nuclear Constabulary

I INTRODUCTION

2129 Col Smythe welcomed members and guest members to the 1st meeting of the Site Stakeholder Group (SSG), and his first meeting as Chair, with Mr A Parry as Vice Chair. Col Smythe welcomed Lynne Barry as the new secretary for the SSG and, on behalf of the SSG members, thanked Sam Landi for all her hard work as secretary and co-ordinator over the years and wished her well in the future.

Those present were informed that a site tour of Dungeness B would follow the meeting.

II APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2130 The following apologies for absence were received:

Mr R Campbell	-	Nuclear Installations Inspectorate Dungeness A
Cllr V Dawson	-	Shepway District Council
Ms J Dear	-	English Nature
Mr N Gore	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Mr A Oulton	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Cllr T Preston	-	Shepway District Council
Mr A Smith	-	East Sussex County Council
Stn Officer D Stock	-	Kent Fire & Rescue Service
Mr J Stroud	-	Kent & Essex Sea Fisheries
Mr R Timpson	-	Dungeness A Power Station

III MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 MAY 2005

2131 The minutes of the 51st meeting of the LCLC held on 26 May 2005 that were previously distributed were checked and the following points noted for accuracy.

2132 Mr C Temple, Nuclear Installations Inspectorate, Dungeness B informed the meeting that he and Mr R Campbell, Nuclear Installations Inspectorate, Dungeness A attend the meeting as observers not members.

2133 **Item 2079**

Should have read: “Mr Campbell the Site Inspector for A Station, explained to those present how the nuclear industry was regulated; that the stations were subject to 36 licence conditions and team and theme inspections.”

IV MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Beach feeding, pot holes and sewage outfall: paragraph 1969 and 2056

Ms
Whenday
and Mr
Lloyd

2134 No feedback received.

Inclusion in SSG Code of Practice, organisations representation to be limited to three: Paragraph 2102

2135 Covered in Reform Meeting held 06/09/05.

Publication of Key Points raised by community representatives: Paragraph 2104

2136 Covered in Reform Meeting held 06/09/05.

Expanding membership: Paragraph 2108

2137 Covered in Reform Meeting held 06/09/05.

Placing a limit of three representatives from organisations: Paragraph 2109

Covered in Reform Meeting held 06/09/05.

Proposal that a summary of key points and questions raised at the SSG could be distributed in the fortnightly Site Newsletter: Paragraph 2112

2139 Item to be investigated with the Communications Team.

Publication of the minutes expansion: Paragraph 2117

Actioned in Reform Meeting held 06/09/05.

- 2141 **Placing of Minutes on Notice Boards: Paragraph 2118**
Actioned in Reform Meeting held 06/09/05.
- 2142 **Publication of SSG Membership: Paragraph 2119**
Site Stakeholder Group Members contact details distributed on arrival.
- 2143 **Mr Ede, Dungeness Estate Manager to be invited to attend meetings: Paragraph 2123**
Mr Ede, Dungeness Estate Manager had been invited to attend.
- 2144 **Members should send a substitute if they were unable to attend: Paragraph 2124**
Actioned in the Reform Meeting held 06/09/05.
- 2145 **SSG Members comments on the constitution: Paragraph 2127**
There had been a disappointing response, with no outside contribution. Replies had only been received from the Reform Group.
- V SITE MANAGER'S REPORT – A STATION**
- 2146 The Site Manager's report was circulated to those present and forwarded to absentees. The report was presented by Mr Crow, Transition Manager who informed the meeting that Mr Gore had been unexpectedly called away.
- 2147 Mr Crow informed the meeting that there was one correction to the Site Manager's report – R2 had shutdown yesterday due to control rod problems which were being investigated.
- 2148 Cllr Richardson asked if there were any proposals for Dungeness C to be built within the A station perimeter. Mr Crow stated that this would be a Government decision. For now, British Nuclear Group are getting ready to defuel and decommission the site to a care and maintenance state and were not in the new build business.
- VI STATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT – DUNGENESS B**
- 2149 The Station Director's report was circulated to those present and forwarded to absentees. Mr Finn presented the Station Director's report on behalf of Mr Oulton.
- 2150 Following a thorough technical, financial and safety review, the station has received a Lifetime Extension to 2018. This is good news for the staff.

2151 Mr Lloyd of the EA asked if there would be a programme of investment to support the Lifetime Extension Mr Finn replied stating that the station is investing approximately £15M next year on plant enhancement.

2152 Mr Parry requested that the generation be explained in a way which everyone could understand i.e., 7.4TW hours equalled enough electricity for all the houses in Kent.

VII SSG REFORM GROUP – RATIFICATION OF SSG CODE OF PRACTICE

2153 Although the SSG Code of Practice has been ratified, it was agreed that it would be a living document which the Reform Group are quite willing to revisit.

VIII FEEDBACK FROM NATIONAL SSG CONFERENCE BY – MRS L WHENDAY

2154 Mrs Whenday (Dungeness Residents Association) had been voted Chair of the SSG Reform Group, and gave feedback to the meeting about the First National SSG Meeting in October, which had been held in Manchester:

- ◆ The National SSG included representatives from 17 power stations, including industry personnel.
- ◆ It is an open forum for discussion and all attendees have an equal voice. Although it was felt that open reporting could hinder frank discussion.
- ◆ Dr I Roxborough of the NDA attended.
- ◆ Environmental Council plus third party will convene a meeting which will include an Independent Evaluator (D Collier) to evaluate whether the aims are being met. Meetings will be noted and minutes put on the web site.
- ◆ Mr McSorley of Greenpeace had raised the issue of sensitive materials and personal ID
- ◆ There was discussion on Socio economic issues including; discharges, management of waste materials, contaminated land and nuclear decommissioning. Questions raised on where would the waste go?

2155 What would happen to the site after decommissioning was also discussed. The meeting was informed that the site would still be subject to planning rules. It is likely that some sites will be returned to 'brown field' and could be redeveloped, this is unlikely to happen at Dungeness because of; coastal erosion issues, it is a Site of Special Scientific Interest, the MOD nearby and the Bird Sanctuary.

2156 Mrs Whenday advised the meeting that no comments had been received on the Code of Practice and that the Draft document was accepted after an in depth discussion.

2157 Mrs Whenday informed the meeting that the SSG Reform Group had agreed that they will meet on an ad-hoc basis.

- 2158 Mrs Whenday gave an update on:
◆ the NDA sessions which had been held in Lydd
- 2159 Members of the Dungeness Residents Associated had been given Defuelling and Decommissioning charts for display.
- 2160 Mrs Whenday pointed out that we have one of the most successful Site Stakeholder Groups: it is well attended, has a ratified Code of Practice and acts as a two way channel between the NDA and the local residents.
- 2161 Mr Roberts, Dungeness A raised concerns about local turnout at the meetings, and whether people were genuinely interested or attending for subversive reasons.
- 2162 Col Smythe commented that there needed to be open and honest discussions about the future development of the site.
- 2163 The NDA had called a meeting of the SSG, in Lydd on 06/09/05 to explain the way ahead. The Chairman of Lydd-on-Sea Residents Association requested a presentation which will take place early in January 2006.
- 2164 S Moules advised the meeting that the NDA are keen to get a wide range of views. The public meetings which had been held at Sizewell had all had good turnouts and some good points can be raised by pressure groups. He also informed the meeting that a new Decommissioning Strategy will be published by March 2006
- 2165 Mr Parry said he understood that this meeting is for communicating and listening and that this group will not throw information to the general public. It has to be a two way process - if reports don't come back, you will be chased! Each member/attendee having a responsibility to report back to the organisation they represent.

IX SSG REPRESENTATIVES FEEDBACK ON DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION TO THE COMMUNITIES

- 2166 NDA brief on their Draft Strategy to Shepway District Council has been rescheduled.

X CORRESPONDENCE

- 2167 A list of correspondence that had been sent out since the last SSG meeting had been circulated.

XI HSE SITE INSPECTORS' QUARTERLY REPORTS

2168 Mr Temple the Site Inspector for B Station, tendered apologies for Mr Campbell. Asked for any comments or questions on the reports for either site.

XII ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT BY D DICKER

2169 Mr Dicker the Environmental Co-ordinator for Dungeness A, advised the meeting that a New Station Policy had been issued with Dungeness B reflecting new ISO 14001:2004 standard and Dungeness A's progress towards Defuelling and Decommissioning.

2170 Mr Dicker briefed the meeting on the six Defuelling and Decommissioning Environmental Objectives:

- i) To maintain an effective Environmental Management System in compliance with the internationally recognised standard ISO 14001, and the international environmental rating system; IERS.
- ii) To comply with all environmental legislation, authorisations and regulatory requirements.
- iii) To enhance environmental awareness amongst the staff and the public.
- iv) Monitor the use of resources on site and achieve reductions wherever practicable.
- v) Monitor the waste generated on site. Eliminate, reduce, reuse and recycle wherever practicable.
- vi) To continue to protect the SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) and NNR (National Nature Reserve).

2171 Cllr Martin asked about the massive amount of paper generated by the site and its disposal. Whether it was possible to have a machine to make paper logs, which could then be used to power small generators. Mr Dicker explained that the waste paper on site is sent to the Paula Carr Trust who sells the paper for £50/ton which is used to pay for diabetic eye tests.

2172 The Paula Carr Trust gets £35K from waste paper.

2173 Cllr Martin asked whether any research on native trees which could be planted on site was being carried out. The meeting was informed that the coastal conditions were a challenge to tree growing.

2174 Col Smythe advised the meeting that the only trees that he was aware of that grow locally are Holly trees on Lydd Ranges and are mentioned in the Doomsday book. English Nature will not allow the planting of trees not indigenous to the area. It is an extremely difficult subject and best that nature takes its course.

XIII REPORT ON MEETING OF THE EMERGENCY PLANNING CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

2175 Ms H Morris gave a summary of the latest Emergency Planning Consultative Committee held on 8 July 2005 which was circulated to those present and forwarded to absentees.

XIV FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY AND RADIOACTIVITY IN FOOD AND THE ENVIRONMENT (RIFE) PRESENTATION BY ANDY DUGDALE

2176 Mr Dugdale explained that the Food Standards Agency was set up in 2000 to protect public health from risks which might arise in connection with the consumption of food.

2177 The meeting was informed that monitoring takes place throughout the UK in collaboration between four agencies:

- 1) Food Standards Agency
- 2) Environment Agency
- 3) Scottish Environmental Protection Agency
- 4) Environment and Heritage Service of Northern Ireland.

2178 The meeting was advised that the reports which were handed out at the meeting were retrospective and that the latest report was available on the Agency Web Site at: www.food.gov.uk

2179 Mrs Whenday asked about fish consumption re dose effect on aquatic – it was stated that you would have to eat excessive amounts of fish for the dose to affect you.

XV ENVIRONMENT AGENCY MATTERS

2180 Mr Lloyd gave an Environment Agency Nuclear Regulation Report that was circulated to those present and forwarded to absentees.

2181 Mr Lloyd highlighted the review of authorisations as the station approaches shutdown and preparations made for decommissioning are underway.

2182 Dungeness A has made an application to change authorisations for disposal of solid waste to Drigg and Asbestos to Winfrith which has a super compactor.

2183 Dungeness B has had a small increase in the radioactive content of liquid discharges, which is being investigated to try and understand why this has happened.

SSG Members 2184 Mr Parry wondered whether the SSG was the correct vehicle for this. Please respond. SSG to consider for future reports?

C Lloyd 2185 Cllr Martin requested a printout of consultation on last slide presented.

2186 Col Smythe asked whether the EA would publicise the increases, and if they do so, do we want a media circus in the Dungeness area.

XVI SOCIO-ECONOMIC REPORT

- 2187 Ms Morris, Communications Officer at Dungeness A, presented the socio-economic plan to the meeting. She also stated that this was a two way process which could only work if local views and needs were included as well the stations.
- 2188 Ms Morris advised the meeting on recent sponsorships and donations including support for: New Romney Open Air Concert and Country Fayre, Romney Marsh Countryside Project, Rye Christmas lights, science equipment for Joy Lane school, modular staging for St. Nicholas school that can also be used for the community, Lydd Junior Gardening Club, New Romney Cricket Club, Sunshine and Showers pre-school and St. Nicholas Primary School.
- 2189 It is important that we received feedback, we need to work together to enhance the area.
- 2190 B Roberts, Dungeness A stated A station has a staff aging problem, and asked whether there is a plan to start recruiting apprentices from schools gearing up for Defuelling and Decommissioning? Ms Morris explained that the station was looking at the best way forward for both the Station and the local community.
- 2191 Cllr Martin informed the meeting that the question of training for the special skills required for Defuelling and Decommissioning had also been raised at the SSG meeting held in Lydd.
- 2192 S Moules, NDA – Strategy proposals will affect all nuclear sites, there will be skill set changes, which will require national skills, now is the time to get people trained up with HNC's etc. There are worldwide decommissioning opportunities which will take time to build up. He stated that the feedback today was very encouraging.

XVII PRESENTATION FROM MR DENTTEN, SHEPWAY PRIMARY CARE TRUST (SPCT) RE PRE DISTRIBUTION OF POTASSIUM IODATE

- 2193 Mr Dentten gave an update on the pre distribution of potassium iodate tablets and why they were being distributed.
- 2194 He explained that the thyroid was a 'bow-tie' shaped gland at the front of the throat, which taking Potassium Iodate tablets quickly following an incident is highly effective.
- 2195 Following the accident at Chernobyl, thyroid cancer especially in children rose by alarming rates.
- 2196 Mr Dentten advised the meeting that the SPCT had been unable to get access to Council Tax data due to the Data Protection Issues, and that it may not be realistic to expect 100% take up of the Potassium Iodate tablets.

- 2197 Second issue raised was the expiry date of the tablets. The meeting was informed that when the distribution had started, the manufacturer was unable to supply tablets with an expiry date past March 2006. Shortly after Christmas tablets will be available with a shelf life 2/3 years.
- 2198 Mrs Whenday asked if the tablets only worked on the thyroid. Mr Dentten said that they were not a magic cure all; their use was for the dominant risk i.e that to the thyroid gland.
- 2199 DEPLOYMENT OF CIVIL NUCLEAR CONSTABULARY TO NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS BY CI DUNCAN WORSELL, CIVIL NUCLEAR CONSTABULARY**
- 2200 Col Smythe introduced Chief Inspector Duncan Worsell, Department Head of the Tactical Response Group, who gave a presentation on the Nuclear Constabulary and its role within BNFL.
- 2201 CI D Worsell said it was a sad reflection on the times that it was now thought necessary to deploy armed tactical response units on all nuclear sites.
- 2202 The Civil Nuclear Constabulary report to the DTI and is guided by the Nuclear Industry. Their deployment at the sites does not mean there is a significant threat to the sites; they are more of a deterrent. All officers are trained to APCO standards i.e., they receive the same training as HM Police do.
- 2203 A member of the constabulary shall have the powers and privileges of a constable at every place comprised in a relevant nuclear site and everywhere within 5 kilometres of such a place. Prior to the extended deployment of the Civil Nuclear Constabulary the responsibility for such a response fell to the local police force who retains primacy for all nuclear licensed sites within its force area.
- 2204 The deployment of the Civil Nuclear Constabulary is not a response to a specific threat to nuclear power stations, but as an enhancement to the existing protection strategy by providing:
- ◆ Overt deterrence
 - ◆ Response Capability
 - ◆ On site patrols
 - ◆ Off site patrols
 - ◆ Fixed point presence
- 2205 CI Worsell advised the meeting that all costs for the Civil Nuclear Constabulary presence are covered by British Nuclear Group and British Energy, there are no local payments made.
- 2206 Mrs Whenday asked whether off-site patrol cars are permanently armed, and how do we tell the difference between them and the local police? The CNC cars are armed and have large Civil Nuclear Constabulary logos on them.

- CI Worsell 2207 Col Smythe asked whether there was any intention of erecting signs saying that the premises are guarded by armed guards. This question is to be taken back through the Company.
- 2208 B Roberts, Dungeness A - Asked CI Worsell why it was felt necessary to put armed guards onto Nuclear Sites now, after all the IRA had been active for a number of years. CI Worsell responded that a review had began post 9/11, which covered possibilities that had been not been considered before.
- 2209 **DUNGENESS A POWER STATION ENVIRONMENT
STATEMENT BY DR SUE HALL, BRITISH NUCLEAR GROUP**
- 2210 Dr S Hall gave highlights covering Dungeness A's Decommissioning Application and Environmental Statement. Non technical copies of the application had been submitted to the SSG (the document is also available on CD). Public notices have been posted showing where the document is available for viewing.
- 2211 Col Smythe commented that there was no mention of using the railway. Dr Hall responded that although the Assessment had considered various transport modes, the current plans are not considering extensive use of the rail link.
- 2212 Cllr Albrow asked who would be responsible for enforcement, the HSE and the increased traffic.
- 2213 Mr Crow, Dungeness A advised the meeting that there would a mixture of mitigating measures and these would be set out in an Environmental Management Plan the implementation of this would be monitored by the HSE.
- 2214 Mr Hinds, London Ashford Airport had attended the NDA presentation, where they had talked about Low/Intermediate Level waste storage; he asked where they were located.
- 2215 P Crow advised that the Low Level Waste is disposed of at Drigg in Cumbria. Intermediate Level Waste will be stored on site either in the existing Reactor Building or in a new building until there is a UK national disposal facility. The government are currently considering where this waste will be disposed of.
- 2216 Mrs Whenday asked if Dungeness would take ILW from other locations.
- 2217 P Crow explained that there are no plans currently to take waste from other sites. Should the aim of achieving final site clearance in 25 years (as stated in the NDA draft strategy) be progressed, this will require the issue of Intermediate Level Waste retrieval, treatment and disposal to be addresses with more urgency.
- 2218 Mr Temple, NII advised the meeting that as long as there is waste on site, Dungeness A will come under NII guidelines and the 36 Site Licence Conditions. It can only be de-regulated after 100 years

XVIII ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 2219 Cllr Albrow suggested a change to the format of these meetings, he noted that copies of the presentations to the meeting had previously been circulated and wondered whether we were wasting time. He suggested a way forward would be to circulate the presentations prior to the meetings and for them to be considered as agenda items, with any questions being tabled on the presentations. This would cut down on the meeting times. Attendees were asked to feedback to the Communications team.
- 2220 Col Smythe agreed with the comments made and that as many reports should be distributed with the agenda where possible. Col Smythe advised that this would be discussed further out of meeting.
- 2221 Col Smythe advised the meeting that although the SSG was now firmly established, there was still a requirement to meet and come together outside of these meetings. It was suggested a Standing Committee could be formed, incorporating the Reform Group who would meet when required. This would allow residents to comment on the documentation and feed back the findings to the SSG via Ms Morris who distribute the comments. This proposal was carried.

XIX DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 2222 It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 10 May 2006 – 09.30hrs arrival with the meeting commencing at 10.00hrs.