

**DUNGENESS A AND B POWER STATIONS
SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP**

**NOTES OF THE FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT
THE GUILDHALL, LYDD ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2006**

SSG members present:

Col G F Smythe	-	Chairman
Mr A Parry	-	Vice Chairman
Mrs L Barry	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Mr B Copp	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Mr G Finn	-	Dungeness B Power Station
Mrs H Morris	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Mr S Moules	-	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
Mr J Rogers	-	Dungeness A Power Station
Mrs L Whenday	-	Dungeness Residents Association

1 INTRODUCTION

Col Smythe welcomed those present to the First Annual General Meeting of the Site Stakeholder Group (SSG).

He explained that the speakers would update the meeting on thoughts and developments such as the recent 'Road Shows' and residents meetings which had been well attended and received.

Drop-In days had had a mixed reception, but would end up with quite a cross section of views. Mrs Morris and her team were thanked for their attendance at the Drop-In days.

Col Smythe then gave a brief overview of the SSG and its role.

The SSG is an independent, community-based body that is funded by the NDA. It operates under the principles of openness and transparency, with the aim of being accessible to its communities. It is primarily site-focussed, but takes account of wider policy issues and developments.

The overarching purpose of the SSG is to be the prime interface between the community, the site operators (British Nuclear Group and British Energy) and the NDA. In this role it exists:

- ◆ To provide an active, two-way channel of communication between the site operator, the NDA and local stakeholders.
- ◆ To give an opportunity for questioning the operator, the NDA and regulators.
- ◆ To allow stakeholders the opportunity to comment on and influence strategies and plans.
- ◆ To represent local views and input timely advice to the NDA.
- ◆ To comment on the performance of NDA and its contractor with regard to achievement of plans, value for money etc.
- ◆ To commission and receive reports about site activities and their impact on for example safety, the environment and health.
- ◆ To review arrangements for such matters as emergency response.
- ◆ To scrutinise and input into the prioritisation of work programmes.
- ◆ To provide views and comments to the NDA on the future of the site.
- ◆ To provide views on the NDA contract with and the performance of the operator.
- ◆ To set up sub-groups to address specific issues relevant to the clean up programme.
- ◆ To set up wider local consultation via public meetings and other mechanisms as required.

The local SSG is also represented at the National Site Stakeholder Group (NSG).

Typically the SSG meet three times a year plus an Annual General Meeting.

More information on the SSG is available through the NDA Website at www.nda.gov.uk.

2. INTRODUCTION TO THE NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING AUTHORITY (NDA)

S Moules gave a presentation on the NDA and its remit. It signals the greatest change for the UK nuclear industry since its formation, and is accountable to the Government, stakeholders and the public. It also presents significant challenges and many opportunities.

The NDA achieve strategic control of nuclear legacy and has a statutory duty to:

- Ensure legacy is dealt with safely, securely, with care for the environment in accordance with Government policy.
- Promote competition.
- Operate sites in a manner beneficial to the public.
- Ensure maintenance of a skilled nuclear workforce.
- Promote best practice and secure value for money.
- Mitigate socio-economic impact of decommissioning.

Stakeholder engagement:

- Openness and transparency
- At Local level
 - Local Liaison Council (LLC) replaced by Site Stakeholder Group (SSG)
 - Independent Chair
 - Membership and remit broadened
 - Open to public and press
 - Able to set up sub-groups and hold public meetings
 - Local groups, helped influence the first National NDA strategy, published March 2007
- At National level
 - National Stakeholder Group (NSG) established
 - NDA Board represented
 - Each sites local group represented
 - National and International stakeholders represented
 - Able to set up sub-groups
 - Centrally funded by the NDA
- Co-ordination Group to manage process
- First Year Operational Highlights – 2005/6
 - Exceeded Government 7% efficiency target one year ahead of schedule
 - After payments of fees to SLC's the NDA accounts will show a positive cost variance of £124m
 - Electricity generation increased, raising revenue by 17% on previous year
 - Total revenue from commercial operations £1.2bn
 - Actively moved funds between sites to accelerate the programme
 - Focus on higher hazards first e.g. Sellafield ponds and Bradwell defuelling

What Next?

- Consultation on Socio-Economic Strategy begins in October
- Approach to competition progresses with LLWR, BNG sale and Magnox Southern Bundle
- Delivering business case to Government for accelerating the decommissioning of Magnox stations (including Dungeness).
- Working towards final legacy baseline costs for April 2008
- **Ensuring safety remains Number 1 priority at all times.**

3. A STATION OVERVIEW

The Site Manager's report was presented by J Rogers, Waste Manager on behalf of N Gore.

A brief history of Dungeness was presented which included:

- Dungeness A which is a Magnox station has been in operation since 1965 and is now in our last year of generation. We are going into this final phase with an excellent safety record in terms of industrial, nuclear and environmental safety. It will be a marvellous achievement to complete 40 years of generation from a plant that was originally designed to run for 25 years.
- Dungeness is also on target for record generation in 2006.
- Dungeness has now achieved in excess of 5 million man hours of working without a Lost Time Accident (LTA).
- Consent to Decommission was received from the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate (NII) on 13th July 2006.
- Both reactors will shut down in December 2006, when we will enter a 100 day defuelling preparations phase.
- The plan is to defuel and have all fuel off site in two years, it is quicker to defuel than refuel.
- Currently we dispatch one flask a week to Sellafield; during defuelling it will be five flasks a week.
- We have retained our ISO 9001 and 14001 accreditation.
- There is 400 staff including Agency/Contractors on site.
- As we move towards Deplanting and Demolition, it will be necessary to demolish the Administration Building. The area will be used as an additional laydown area. Discussions are taking place with Shepway Planning Department regarding the erection of a new Administration Building on the East of the site. The building will go on the Contractors Car Park, which is within the station fence.

The following items from the Site Manager's Report were discussed:

B Copp, Decommissioning Site Manager gave an overview of the three stages of Decommissioning

- Care and Maintenance Preparations – Removal of hazards from the site.
- Care and Maintenance – Wait for the decay of high level radiation
- Final Site Clearance – current expected date 2111.

- Skyline changes could be expected within the next 12 months.
- He went to explain how important the SSG would become during the deplanting and decommissioning phases, when people can actually see the skyline changes.

4. B STATION OVERVIEW

The Station Director's report was presented by G Finn, Technical Manager

Mr Finn gave a presentation which included;

- British Energy supplied 2% of the UK's electricity
- 50 new staff has been recruited this year, bringing the station total to 548 plus 100 permanent contractors.
- They have been granted a 10 year life extension to all them to continue generating until 2018.
- Dungeness B received a President's Award for Safety from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) for the second year in succession; it is presented to companies that can demonstrate a high standard of commitment to industrial safety awareness. The President's Award is given following ten consecutive Gold Medal Awards.

Mr Finn advised that the Unit 21 Outage had been carried, and explained that it is very much like an MOT. An example of the work carried during an outage was included in the presentation. Key reliability improvement works were carried out including replacement of rotors and alternators. The overhaul had cost £24m, and brought 1000 contractors into the community.

- Emergency Exercises – Exercise Ganges is to be held to demonstrate to the regulator, the NII, the arrangements that would be activated in the unlikely event of an emergency.

5. WASTE OVERVIEW

SSG STEERING COMMITTEE FEEDBACK MRS L WHENDAY

Ms Whenday explained that she attends the local Site Stakeholder Group (SSG) and National Site Stakeholder Group (NSSG) meetings and gave feedback on the two meetings, which have been held since Christmas, the first on 24 January and the second on 25 April.

At these meetings, it became clear that this is a developing picture, which the SSG should be ready to participate in future dialogue and that it would be desirable for more Parish councils and local residents groups to become involved. The following points were discussed:

- Formation of the Waste Issues Group (WIG).
- Government will be restrained by planning laws.
- NDA will discuss end state.
- Protection included in EA strategy.

Sean Moules, NDA Programme Manager for Dungeness gave presentations on socio-economic support, the funding criteria and a presentation assessing options identified end state for the site. It was suggested that the PESTLE (Political, Economic, Social, Technical, Legal, and Environmental) approach be used as a tool to assess each proposal.

FEEDBACK FROM NATIONAL SSG CONFERENCE

Mrs Whenday explained the background to NSSG and that she had been involved since 2004 when in October plans were drawn up for the Reform Group from which we now have our SSG. The SSG were intended to facilitate stakeholders groups, which were independent of the Station with Independent chair etc., in this we are the most successful so far.

There have been two NSSG's, the first in October 2005 was mainly concerned with setting the 'Ground Rules', evaluations and reviews resulting in the setting up of two Issue Groups:

- Management of Nuclear Waste Materials Issue Group (MIG)
- Management of other materials such as Low Level Waste (LLW) and Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) and the end of site states Waste Issues Group (WIG), which should bring clarity on roles, relationships and responsibilities of the different organisations dealing with waste materials and help the NDA explain their decisions, policies and timetables.

Among the items discussed were:

- Terms of Reference – National and local
- The overall aims
- Membership and communications
- Work patterns

Discussions and debates centred on the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CORWM).

The process is becoming more cohesive, with many strands being woven together to complete the process of decommissioning.

6 SITE END STATE AND DATE FOR DUNGENESS A

Ms Morris advised that the Site Stakeholder Group AGM had been widely advertised locally.

There followed a presentation on the Final End State for Dungeness A, which included the following:

- Drop In Days – had been well received, although attendance at some had been disappointing.
- Final End State Questionnaires have been given out, requesting residents opinion on what should happen to the Dungeness A site once decommissioning and final site clearance has been achieved.
- Originally there were 12 options, which have now been reduced to eight, having been looked at economically, politically there were a broad band of views
 - Minimal remediate to make the site safe (some buildings and below ground structures will remain).
 - Desalination Plant
 - Mixed uses e.g. industrial/office units
 - Residential
 - Recreational and Camping
 - Nature Reserve/Site of Scientific Interest
 - Wind Farm
 - Nuclear Power Station
- The questionnaires will also be sent out in a 'mail shot' to 6000 homes locally and will include 'Freepost' envelope.
- It is hoped to achieve as wide a consensus as possible.
- Kent County Council and Shepway District Council will be regularly informed.

7. QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

Local Funding – It was confirmed by S Moules of the NDA that £5k would be made available for the Greatstone Play Area for the purchase of equipment.

L Whenday asked

- if Dungeness B were to get another lifetime extension, would it stop another Nuclear Power Station being built, as the regulations say you can't build within a mile of a generating station.
- Will Dungeness B, C have to have the same Final End State as Dungeness A?

S Moules responded that there were a number of practicalities to be taken into consideration, including planning framework changes. He also pointed out that geological changes may affect what the land could be used for.

Will the results of the Final End State Questionnaire be published?

Ms Morris confirmed that they would.

Col Smythe, asked whether Dungeness B could apply for further lifetime extensions?

G Finn explained that they could, after all Dungeness A had received a number of lifetime extensions, which had allowed it to continue generating for 40 years.

Col Smythe thanked those present for attending and confirmed that the next SSG meeting would be held on Thursday 23 November at 10:00 in the Training Centre at Dungeness B.