



NDA Update

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UK Government

- Whole team of civil servants concerned with nuclear in BEIS have moved into the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ)
- Secretary of State is Grant Shapps, who was head of BEIS
- The new minister for NDA Group is Andrew Bowie, MP for West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine
- Perm Secs Clive Maxwell (previously in BEIS) and Jeremy Pocklington (previously DCMS but before that DECC)

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Decommissioning and radioactive waste consultation

- The UK Government and devolved administrations are consulting on proposals to update policies on nuclear decommissioning and the management of radioactive substances, including waste.
- The vision is to provide a single point of reference for the UK Government's and devolved administrations' policies in this area.
- Some of the current policy landscape dates back to 1995. It has become fragmented over time and difficult to navigate.
- Updating these policies will allow for greater innovation and lead to earlier and more cost-effective nuclear decommissioning.
- The consultation lasts for 12 weeks.

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Stakeholder Survey

- NDA commissions an independent organisation to survey stakeholders every two years
- 800 people took part, 200 more than the last survey. Mix of key stakeholders and those on our mailing list to receive updates electronically.
- Key indicators all up since last time – trust, transparency and openness.
- We also asked people where we could improve: one of the key findings was that they wanted to know more about mission delivery and how we solve technical challenges, so we will address that.

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Stakeholder Summit

- After the event in Edinburgh last September, NDA has decided that the next in-person Stakeholder Summit will be held in Cumbria in 2024.
- There will be an online, virtual Summit this year, probably in October.
- During the year, though, we will be holding a series of in-person, regional meetings for stakeholders. It is planned these will be linked to universities with a nuclear science department, so that we can showcase the links between NDA, research and innovation.
- More details as soon as we have them.

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NIA Week in Parliament

- The Nuclear Industry Association annually organises a series of events to draw the sector to MPs' attention. The latest was this January.
- NDA sponsored a reception for Parliamentarians highlighting the decommissioning aspects of nuclear.
- NDA sponsored the Skills Fair and brought graduates and apprentices to London for them to meet their local MP – and for the MPs to understand the work of the NDA in their communities.



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NDA and new nuclear

- We are still awaiting news from the Government about when Great British Nuclear will be set up and what its remit will be.
- In the meantime, we are being approached by a number of developers and technology providers about the availability of land on our sites.
- We are providing publicly available information on an open and transparent basis to enquirers.
- We are continuing to support Cwmni Egino, in line with the Memorandum of Understanding between BEIS, NDA and Cwmni Egino.

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Decommissioning and waste management consultation

- New Government consultation on decommissioning and waste management due to be published imminently
- The last one was published in 1995. This will update, consolidate and introduce new options.
- Has been agreed by BEIS, Scottish Government and Welsh Government: the 1995 paper was issued before devolution. Waste management, though, is a devolved power.
- Will be a full 12-week consultation. More details – of engagement activities as well – when it is published.

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NDA Graduate Scheme

- The challenge of ensuring NDA and its operating companies have sufficient highly-skilled and motivated personnel over several generations as it fulfils its mission is one of its priorities.
- In January it launched a new group-wide graduate programme to help ensure a continued flow of young people into the business.
- Applications are now open for roles in around 20 different professional disciplines at various locations in all corners of the UK.
- The new programme, supported by NDA subsidiary Energus, will offer three placements in different parts of the group. It will operate alongside the graduate schemes run by other operating companies.

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Concrete boxes

- As an alternative to steel packaging, a new concrete box has been developed.
- The first box of radioactive waste has been filled and transferred into the purpose-built waste store at Berkeley site.
- The project involved the development of a brand new waste storage package and innovative waste retrieval techniques.



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Robots in a radioactive environment

- A robot designed with help from Dounreay to safely inspect hazardous environments is in Time Magazine's top 200 innovations of 2022.
- The robot, known as Lyra, has been used to inspect ventilation ducts and feedback radiological information. Human access to this area is currently impossible due to the size of the duct and radiological risks.



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Working together to find a solution

- Sellafield has large volumes of contaminated chemical waste in stores on site. There was no compliant way to transport these to other locations.
- Working with another group company, Nuclear Waste Services, the existing TC14 waste drum was redesigned to carry inner containers of plastic, metal, or glass containing the chemicals.
- For Sellafield, this means greater efficiencies – they are able to pack more into the containers, and the approach will significantly reduce the time it will take for them to safely store these chemicals. It is a good example of the increased collaborative working across OneNDA.



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