



NDA Update for DSG

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Please find below a brief update on main points of interest since the last meeting.

Government Update

David Peattie, Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Chief Executive Officer has informed the NDA Chair and Board of his intention to continue to serve the NDA group as its CEO until March 2027. He has shared his plans 18 months ahead of his intended departure to allow preparations to begin to find his replacement and ensure a smooth and comprehensive handover. As the CEO role is a government appointment a process will now be put in place to find a successor. The announcement can be found using the following link: [Leadership change at the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority - GOV.UK](#)

Outreach activities

Paul Vallance, Corporate Affairs Director for the NDA addressed the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Nuclear at the Palace of Westminster in early October. The event was attended by more than 20 parliamentarians interested in the nuclear sector. Paul updated on the following:

- The importance of decommissioning within the nuclear lifecycle.
- Resetting perceptions that decommissioning is a declining sector.
- The NDA Group's significant contribution to the UK Government's Plan for Change and economic growth.
- Euan Hutton highlighted Sellafield's role in energy and national security.
- Seth Kybrid outlined NTS's involvement in HALEU and the critical role of LLWR and GDF in completing the nuclear lifecycle.

The NDA group also hosted a Parliamentary reception in September at the Speakers House. The Rt. Hon. Sir Lindsay Hoyle hosted the event with speakers including Minister Shanks MP and former energy minister Andrew Bowie MP. David Peattie gave a keynote address to more than 150 guests to celebrate the NDA's achievements and milestones, and to mark the NDA's 20th anniversary.

Engagement priorities for 2025

As you are aware, the consultation on the NDA draft **Strategy 5** was launched on 7 August and closed on 29 September. Our strategy document is published every 5 years and describes our high-level approach to delivering our mission. Within that, we identify several critical enablers essential to the successful delivery of our mission including public and stakeholder engagement. Once we have analysed all the comments the final document will be produced and published in March 2026.



This year's Stakeholder Summit was held virtually on 3 November. Marking the NDA's 20th anniversary, over 250 stakeholders joined the event with input from a range of speakers and panellists. The event was broken into 3 sessions and included key speakers from across the NDA and its Operating Companies as well as colleagues from the nuclear regulators.

Cross-Party Group

Met in September at HNA to update members on AGR transfer progress. Meeting was accompanied by sites tour of HNA/HNB and engagement with HNB workforce.

Next meeting of CPG will be on December 10th – 6pm at Scottish Parliament where main topic will be 'Skills update'.

SCCORS

The second meeting of the Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances (SCCORS) was held on 12 November in Glasgow. Amongst agenda items was an update on S5, future SCCORS engagement plans and consideration of Non-NDA Liabilities. A more detailed report on what was discussed will be given during the SSG meeting by David Wallace.

Festival of Politics

Held in August at the Scottish Parliament, the CPG hosted a public event celebrating 70 years of Dounreay titled – 'The Atomics – the story of Dounreay people'. The event was a sell-out and attended by members of Scottish SSGs as well as Scottish Government.

Publications, public service and policy updates

The NDA Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25 sets out the progress we're making against our mission, from safely decommissioning existing sites to preparing to take responsibility for more, while managing radioactive waste for our existing programme and new nuclear.

As we mark our 20th anniversary, this year's report reflects a strong year of delivery across the NDA group with continued progress on our mission: safely decommissioning our sites, managing radioactive waste, and preparing to take on new responsibilities.

Key highlights from the last 12 months include:

- Sellafield is now removing waste from all four legacy ponds and silos – a major milestone in hazard reduction.
- Nuclear Waste Services is progressing with final capping at the LLW Repository.
- Visible skyline changes across the estate, including the demolition of Sizewell A's turbine hall.
- Ongoing work to identify a suitable site and community for a Geological Disposal Facility.



- Innovation in action: sail trials for NTS ships and autonomous security systems at Winfrith.
- Preparations continue for the transfer of the AGR fleet and potential decommissioning of the Vulcan site.

Additionally, we've seen improvements in safety, environmental performance, and cyber security, supported by the opening of a new cyber facility to boost collaboration.

2024/25 also saw another year of significant investment in our people and communities. We had a record early careers intake in 2025 with over 420 apprentices and 300 graduates. As well as that, we saw continued support for skills, schools, and supply chain development – part of our £49m annual investment. And finally, we saw the continued ongoing delivery of our Inclusion Strategy, with real progress on equality, diversity, and inclusion.

Read the report here: [Nuclear Decommissioning Authority: Annual Report and Accounts 2024 to 2025 - GOV.UK](#)

We are currently in the process of drafting the NDA Business Plan which we will publish toward the end of the year for an 8-week consultation between 8 December and 2 February. We will coordinate final publication of the Business Plan with the publication of the NDA Strategy 5 around Easter 2026.

Thank you for taking the time to read our update. If you have any questions, please feed-back through the Secretariat or raise with the NDA official at the SSG meeting.



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