



NDA Update for Sizewell A&B SSG

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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, Sellafield CEO, highlighted Sellafield's role in energy and national security.
- Seth Kybrid, Nuclear Waste Services CEO, outlined the Nuclear Transport Solutions (NTS) involvement in safe and secure transport capabilities for HALEU (high-assay low-enriched uranium). He also emphasised the critical role of the Low Level Waste Repository (LLWR) and Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) in completing the nuclear lifecycle.

The NDA group also hosted a Parliamentary reception in September at Speaker's 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 five 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 three sessions and included key speakers from across the NDA and its Operating Companies as well as colleagues from the nuclear regulators.

Publications, public service and policy updates

The NDA Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25 sets out the progress we're making against our mission.

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 Nuclear Transport Solutions' ships and autonomous security systems at Winfrith.
- Preparations continue for the transfer of the advanced gas-cooled reactor (AGR) fleet and potential decommissioning of the Vulcan site near Dounreay.

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. And 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 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 NRS official at the SSG meeting.



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