

Briefing Paper in advance of NSG10 meeting in March 2010

Site Restoration

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Introduction:

For more than a year now, the stakeholders at the NSG have been helping the NDA develop its next Strategy. NSG10 comes at a critical point in this process, giving stakeholders a final chance to input into the NDA's thinking before the Strategy II document is prepared for public consultation. Site Restoration is a Strategic Theme within the NDA's Strategy Management System and presents the NDA with some of its biggest challenges.

Background:

Site Restoration is a strategic theme within the NDA's strategy management system and is made up of four individual topic strategies:

- Decommissioning and Clean Up
- Site End States
- Land Quality Management
- Non-NDA Liabilities

The Site Restoration theme is at the focus of the NDA's mission and addresses our principle function. It involves decommissioning and clean up of all of our sites including management of land quality (contaminated ground and groundwater) to achieve the declared Site End State and any interim state(s). On some of our sites, non-NDA liabilities (liabilities that currently sit with British Energy, the Ministry of Defence and some other smaller liability holders) will influence the site restoration programme.

Purpose of the session at NSG10:

The objective of the Site Restoration Theme is to ensure credible objectives for the restoration of each site and to determine how to achieve these objectives and deliver a stepped reduction of hazard and risk associated with the UK civil nuclear infrastructure in a manner that represents value for money to the UK, taking account of all relevant factors.

It is recognised that the Site Restoration Strategic Theme must allow a case-by-case assessment of options for managing the many unique challenges presented by the clean up programme. However, the theme strategy will outline NDA preferences and provide guidance to ensure that the approach to decision-making is consistent and transparent.

At the NSG, we will seek to have a discussion with stakeholders on our proposed approach to meeting this challenge.

Further information:

Stakeholders are encouraged to look at the "Strategy" area of the NDA website as this contains the latest information on each of the topic strategies within the Site Restoration Theme www.nda.gov.uk/strategy/. In addition, copies of the meeting reports from previous NSGs where these topics were discussed may also be found on the "Stakeholders and Community" area of the website www.nda.gov.uk/stakeholders/nsq/index.cfm