

Briefing Paper in advance of NSG10 meeting in March 2010

Integrated Waste Management

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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. Integrated Waste Management is a Strategic Theme within the NDA's Strategy Management System and presents the NDA with some of its biggest challenges.

Background:

Integrated Waste Management (IWM) is made up of three individual waste topic strategies:

- Higher activity waste (HAW): covering intermediate level waste (ILW) and high level waste (HLW) issues;
- Lower activity waste (LAW): covering low level waste (LLW) and liquid and gaseous discharges; and
- Non-radiological and hazardous waste.

Each topic includes individual 'strands' that address individual waste groups or issues.

Many of the issues covered by this theme were discussed at NSG8 during the so-called "World Café" session and followed-up at the NSG9 "Update on Waste" session which included a discussion around the draft Integrated Waste Management Overview, subsequently published on the NDA website.

Purpose of the session at NSG10:

Our strategic objective is to deliver effective waste management solutions that implement Government (including Scottish) policies for radioactive waste and decommissioning. We seek to optimise waste management activities within this context, to address strategic risks and to improve the baseline plans across our estate. We have UK-wide responsibility for Low Level Waste management and responsibility for implementing the UK Geological Disposal Facility. We must also meet the needs of non-NDA waste producers, where we have this responsibility.

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

Further information:

The latest information on each of the topic strategies within the Integrated Waste Management Theme as well as the Integrated Waste Management Overview may be found on the NDA website www.nda.gov.uk/strategy/

Copies of the meeting reports from NSG8 and 9 which covered the sessions referred to above are also on the NDA website www.nda.gov.uk/stakeholders/nsq/index.cfm

Further information on the Scottish Government's consultation on Higher Activity Waste may be found at www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/01/14151255/0