



RWA Approval Board

This year has seen a few changes in membership of the RWA Approval Board. Joe McHugh is retiring and will be replaced by Joanne Nettleton. Joe was one of the founding members of the Approval Board and our thanks go out to him for all the work he has done for the Approval Board and we look forward to welcoming Joanne to the Approval Board in the New Year.

Chris Englefield, who worked on the development of the RWA scheme and then on the RWA Approval Board secretariat left earlier this year and his position on the secretariat was taken up by Kate Griffith.

We have also lost three of our original industry representatives: Ian Warner has moved to a new job within Magnox and has been replaced by Peter Farrell, also from Magnox, as the Nuclear Industry Liaison Group (NILG) representative. Alan Muir has moved to an overseas job and so we have a vacancy for the Small Users Liaison Group (SULG) representative and Paul Kayente has moved from Scotland to England and has been replaced by Penny Wade as the Scottish Non-nuclear Liaison Group (SNNILG) representative.

We would like to thank Chris, Ian, Alan and Paul for their invaluable input to the Approval Board and welcome Peter and Penny.

As well as changes to individual members we have also welcomed Natural

Resources Wales (NRW) to the Approval Board.

RPA2000

RPA2000 opened for applications from individuals wanting a certificate of competence to act as a Radioactive Waste Adviser on 1 January 2013 and guidance on how to apply can be found on their [website](#).

In order to manage the potential peak of applications prior to the ending of grandfather rights RPA2000 has set a deadline of **31 December 2014** for application to guarantee that your application can be processed by 30 June 2016. Although this deadline be fast approaching by the time you read this, it remains important to submit your RWA certification application to RPA2000 as soon as practicable if you wish to continue providing RWA advice after 30 June 2016.

Corporate Radioactive Waste Advisers

This year saw approval of the first application for recognition of a Corporate Radioactive Waste Adviser from Magnox. The application was led by Peter Farrell of Magnox and the assessment led by Paul Mountford-Lister of the Environment Agency. The industry, regulators and Approval Board have all learnt from this experience and we are currently assessing further applications with more expected in the next few months.

Permitted nuclear sites must either appoint suitable RWAs certificated by RPA2000 or secure approval of their Corporate



Arrangements by 30 June 2016 when existing Grandfather Rights expire. Those appointing RWAs certificated by RPA2000 can still apply for Corporate Arrangements at a later date. Applications from new build companies will be welcomed once they have applied for a permit.