

RADIOACTIVE WASTE ADVISER APPROVAL BOARD MEETING

21 OCTOBER 2014

NOTE OF MEETING

Attendees: Joe McHugh (EA), Jim Gemmill (SEPA), Keith Bradley (NIEA), Ian Warner (NILG), Laurence Austin (NILG), Kate Griffith (EA), Linda Peake (NIEA), Angela Wright (SEPA)

Apologies: Penny Wade (SNNILG) (due to teleconference problems), Bob Russ (NRW)

1.0 Note and actions from the last meeting

The note of the last meeting was accepted as an accurate record by email correspondence after the last meeting and has been published on the RWA section of the SEPA website.

Action 4.1 - Angela Wright to draft letter of approval to Magnox and circulate to Approval Board members before it is signed by Joe McHugh as Chair of the Approval Board – completed

Action 4.2 - Angela Wright to discuss lessons learned with Paul Mountford-Lister and Ian Warner so that they can be included in future revisions of guidance documents – completed, Magnox presented lessons learned at the Nuclear Industry Liaison Group (NILG) meeting in May.

Action 4.3 - Angela Wright to include news of the approval of the first Corporate Arrangements in the SRP weekly bulletin – completed

Action 4.4 - Angela Wright to make change and circulate to Approval Board members for approval prior to publication - completed

2.0 RWA Approval Board membership changes

This is likely to be Joe McHugh's last meeting as he is planning to retire at the end of the year. Jim Gemmill thanked Joe for all his work in setting up, chairing and participating in the Approval Board since it was set up in 2011.

Penny Wade was welcomed to the Approval Board although was unable to participate due to issues with the teleconference arrangements.

Alan Muir, the Small Users Liaison Group (SULG) representative has moved to an overseas job so is no longer able to represent SULG at the Approval Board. Kate Griffith agreed to speak to the SULG chairperson to identify a new SULG representative.

Action 5.1 Kate Griffith to seek a new SULG representative for the Approval Board.

Ian Warner suggested that his colleague, Peter Farrell, replaces him as NILG representative as Ian is moving to a new role within Magnox and Peter's role is more suited to the work of the Approval Board. Jim Gemmill will raise this at the NILG meeting on 22 October.

Action 5.2 Jim Gemmill to seek agreement from NILG for Peter Farrell to replace Ian Warner on the Approval Board.

3.0 Feedback from regulators meeting on RWA, RPA and MPE recognition schemes

Kate Griffith outlined the project proposal for simplification of the Radiation Protection Adviser (RPA), Radioactive Waste Adviser (RWA) and Medical Protection (MPE) recognition schemes and sought views from the Approval Board on whether we should participate in the review. The proposal has been made by the HSE and Department of Health (DoH) as part of the DoH's implementation of a scheme for the recognition of MPEs. There is a good opportunity for review as part of the revised Basic Safety Standards Directive implementation.

The Approval Board agreed that it supports simplification although thought that there might be more commonality between the RPA and RWA schemes than the one for MPEs.

In principle the Approval Board supports simplification of the schemes and would like to participate in the review with the work being resourced by the Approval Board secretariat. Although the Approval Board welcomes a review of all schemes it believes that consolidation between RPA and RWA might be more appropriate with a separate MPE scheme.

The Approval Board would like the review to include input from the professional bodies.

Action 5.3 Angela Wright to draft letter to HSE and DoH informing them of the Approval Board's decision.

4.0 RPA2000 update

Angela Wright outlined the work that RPA2000 has done to encourage RWA applications and recruit assessors to enable RPA2000 to process all applications before the ending of grandfather rights on 30 June 2016. The Approval Board acknowledged that RPA2000 has put considerable effort into

planning for the end of grandfather rights and it is now up to RWAs to submit their applications in sufficient time to allow assessment.

A few suggestions were made by the Approval Board to assist:

- Remind permit holders through industry groups etc. of the permit/authorisation requirement to have a RWA and remind them when grandfather rights end.
- Suggest RPA2000 publishes a list of certified RWAs on the website with their certificate expiry dates similar to what is done for RPAs.
- Kate Griffith to raise the issue at the EA's sector meeting.
- Linda Peake to discuss with permit holders in Northern Ireland

5.0 Corporate RWA application update

Springfields application is progressing slowly.

Sellafield submitted its CRWA application in July and assessment of the application is likely to be ready for a decision at the next Approval Board meeting.

EDF is planning to submit an application towards the end of this year.

NNB GenCo – Phil Kruse gave a presentation on behalf of NNB GenCo on their strategy for Radioactive Waste Advisers within the company. Phil discussed how the advice their RWAs give varies according to the condition of the site eg operational or decommissioning and how their arrangements need to be flexible for the lifetime of the plant.

6.0 AOB

None

7.0 Date and location of next meeting

Next meeting to be held in about six months' time in Birmingham.

Action 5.4 Kate Griffith to arrange suitable date and location