



Doesn't time fly? It's nearly a year since applications for grandfather rights closed and only two-and-a-half years until they expire! It is also a year since the last RWA Update so we thought it might be useful to update you on what has been happening in 2013.

### Grandfather Rights applications

We issued RWA grandfather rights to 783 individuals and we would like to give belated thanks to everyone who helped process the applications and to applicants who showed great patience whilst we dealt with the greater than expected numbers of applications we received.

### 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](#).

There is concern over the potential for an unmanageable peak of applications close to the end of grandfather rights and to avoid this, RPA2000 and the environment agencies encourage you to **apply as soon as possible** to ensure that you are appropriately certificated on 1 July 2016 after grandfather rights have expired.

It is likely that RPA2000 will set an early date for closure of applications to ensure that they can be processed by the end of grandfather rights.

### Corporate Radioactive Waste Advisers

We are currently processing the first two applications for Corporate RWAs.

Any nuclear sites wanting to use Corporate RWAs need to have their Corporate Arrangements approved by the RWA Approval Board by 30 June 2016. Guidance on application can be found on the [RWA web page](#).

### RWA Approval Board meeting

The RWA Approval Board met in October. Amongst the topics discussed were Corporate RWA applications and the process for their determination, the progress of RPA2000 with RWA assessments, the effect of the revised Basic Safety Standards on the RWA scheme and the publication of the Approval Board's work.

### Revised Basic Safety Standards

For some time Member States have been working on the revision of the Basic Safety Standards (96/29/Euratom) (BSS) and we are expecting publication of the revised version at the end of this year. As the requirement for RWAs (qualified experts who advise on radioactive waste disposal and environmental radiation protection) comes from the BSS we have been following developments for any implications to the current RWA scheme.

It is likely that the revised BSS will strengthen the need for RWAs, allow for Corporate RWAs and not require any change to our current scheme.