

## Update

### RWA Approval Board

The RWA Approval Board held its second meeting on 29 February and welcomed the four industry advisers to their first meeting. There was a full agenda and the note of the meeting and papers can be read on the [website](#). The key decisions made at the meeting are discussed in this Update.

### Assessing Body Application

RPA 2000 submitted an application to become an Assessing Body for certification of Radioactive Waste Advisers in December 2011. The RWA Secretariat scrutinised the application to make an initial assessment of the application and the Approval Board discussed the application at its meeting on 29 February. The Approval Board concluded that RPA 2000 has successfully delivered a similar scheme with a similar workload for RPAs and its performance has been improving all the time.

The Approval Board approved RPA 2000's application, subject to collaboration between RPA 2000, the environment agencies and HSE to agree revised Complaints and Appeals Procedures for the potential suspension and withdrawal of RWA certification.

We expect RPA 2000 to become fully approved in the near future and be ready to accept new applications from 1 October 2012.

### Corporate Radioactive Waste Advisers

We have been working on more detailed guidance for Corporate Radioactive Waste Advisers and what we expect from Corporate Arrangements that will be submitted to the RWA Approval Board for approval. We aim to publish this guidance by the end of May 2012 and the Approval Board has decided to open applications from nuclear sites wanting to use Corporate Radioactive Waste Advisers in September 2012.

All sites wanting to use Corporate Radioactive Waste Advisers will need to have their Corporate Arrangements approved by 30 June 2016 but we hope to find a way to spread the applications from nuclear sites so that we don't become inundated in September this year!

Any suggestions on the best way to do this will be gratefully received.

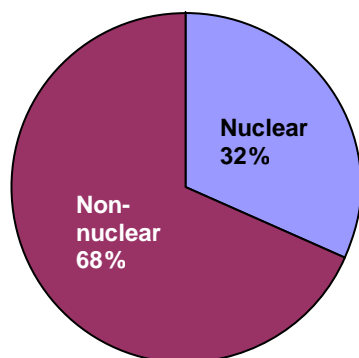
### Grandfather Rights

The Approval Board decided to close applications for grandfather rights on **31 December 2012** as we expect to have an Approved Assessing Body in place for new Radioactive Waste Advisers by then. If you are eligible for grandfather rights but haven't applied yet, please do so.

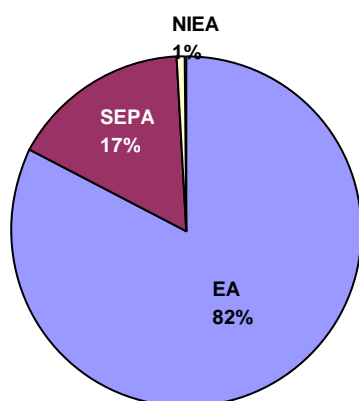
We have now received about 475 applications for grandfather rights and sent out over 360 certificates. For those of you that like statistics we have produced a breakdown of the number of applications by category.

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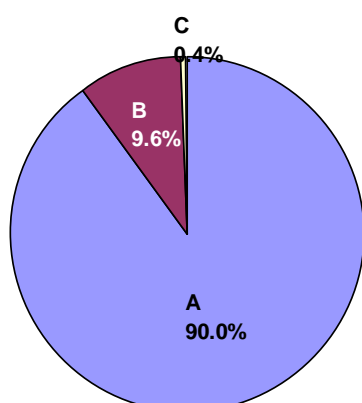
Number of applications by sector:



Number of applications by Agency:



Number of applications by mechanism:



### IRPA13

We have had a poster on *Stakeholder Engagement* during the development and implementation of the RWA scheme accepted for [IRPA13](#) (the 13th International Congress of the International Radiation Protection Association) which will be held in Glasgow from 13 to 18 May 2012.

The three environment agencies also have a joint stand at IRPA13 and we are hoping to arrange some drop-in sessions on specific topics, including RWAs, to allow people to discuss issues or concerns with us. If you are attending IRPA13 please come and see us and our poster!

### RWA Secretariat meets with RPA 2000 and HSE

Following the Approval Board's review of RPA 2000's application to become an RWA Assessing Body, the RWA Secretariat met RPA 2000 representatives to discuss some key issues:

- Complaints and Appeals procedures;
- Links between future renewal of Approval by the regulators of both RPA and RWA Assessment schemes;
- Opportunities that may arise with the implementation of a new Basic Safety Standards Directive.

A high level of consensus was achieved in all these areas and further information will be provided when it is available.

### Further information

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