

Update

Grandfather Rights

The number of applications for grandfather rights is now well over 400 and steadily rising with applications from both nuclear and non-nuclear radiation professionals.

We started issuing certificates of recognition at the start of November and so far over 250 certificates have been sent out.

Unfortunately, the high number of applications received when we opened grandfather rights in early July has caused a bit of a back log, particularly for England and Wales; this is being resolved and any applications received now should be dealt with within four months of receipt.

Apologies to those of you whose certificates of recognition have taken longer to get to you than expected!

Award of first Radioactive Waste Adviser Certificate of Recognition

A little bit of history was made recently at Atkins Ltd when Dr Allan Ashworth was presented with Radioactive Waste Adviser (RWA) Certificate 001. He is pictured receiving his certificate from his Director David Nancarrow. Sadly, everyone else gets a PDF version delivered electronically!



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RWA Approval Board Advisory Members

The RWA Approval Board is responsible for overseeing the RWA scheme, reviewing the environment agencies' statement on RWAs and assessing applications from Assessing Bodies and Corporate Radioactive Waste Advisers.

Its membership comprises the three UK environment agencies and advisory members from the nuclear and non-nuclear industry. The industry members have been nominated by the Nuclear Industries Liaison Group (NILG), the Scottish Non-Nuclear Industries Liaison Group (SNNILG) and the Small Users Liaison Group (SULG). The industry members of the Approval Board have recently been appointed for an initial three-year period and are:

- **Dr Laurence Austin (EDF)**
- **Paul Kayente (Nuvia)**
- **Dr Alan Muir (GSK)**
- **Ian Warner (Magnox)**

The reason for having industry advisors is to ensure that the Approval Board's work is open and transparent and informed by industry views. We would like to thank the advisory Approval Board members and those of

you involved in nominating them and hope that we will all benefit from their input.

The next Approval Board meeting is scheduled for 29 February in London.

Assessing Body Application

Just before Christmas we received an application from a potential Assessing Body which the RWA Secretariat is busy reviewing before sending to the Approval Board. Hopefully we will be able to discuss the application at the February Approval Board meeting and make a decision.

Once an Assessing Body has been approved we will give six-months notice of the closure of grandfather rights applications.

Corporate Arrangements

The Approval Board will announce the opening date and mechanism for applications from nuclear sites wanting to appoint a Corporate Radioactive Waste Adviser in due course.

Further information

Please see the [website](#) or contact us at RWA@sepa.org.uk.