

Update

Radioactive Waste Adviser Approval Board

The Radioactive Waste Adviser Approval Board held its first meeting on 3 October and made the following key decisions:

- Applications from Assessing Bodies open on 1 November 2011
- Applications from nuclear sites for Corporate Arrangements will open in 2012, the date will be announced in due course.
- Individuals who have grandfather rights will need to go through a full assessment of competence by an Assessing Body when, or before, their grandfather rights expire on 30 June 2016.

The next meeting of the Approval Board is planned for February 2012 and is likely to be held in London. Invitations for industry members of the Approval Board have been sent out via the Nuclear Industry Liaison Group, the Scottish Non-Nuclear Industries Liaison Group and the Small Users Liaison Group and we hope to have our industry members on the Approval Board by 1 December 2011.

The note of the RWA Approval Board meeting has been published on the [website](#).

Grandfather Rights

We have received about 300 applications for grandfather rights and are busy processing them. We aim to respond to applicants within four months of their application and now that the Approval Board has approved the format of the Certificate, you should see some certificates coming out to you soon.

Some people have asked about the process we use to assess grandfather applications so we have published our procedures on the [website](#).

Corporate Arrangements

The Approval Board will announce the opening date for applications from nuclear sites wanting to appoint a Corporate Radioactive Waste Adviser in due course. In order to spread the workload of the Approval Board applications will open after any applications for Assessing Bodies have been assessed.

In the meantime we are working on further guidance on Corporate Radioactive Waste Advisers which we will publish as soon as it is available.

Further information

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