

**TASK GROUP 6 PUBLIC & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT
DRAFT PROPOSED WORK PLAN
OCTOBER 2009-MARCH 2010**

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Context - General

1. The purpose of this activity (set out in our work programme, doc. 2515, para 22) is to be "a cross cutting work stream. We scrutinise the PSE arrangements of other organisations and, in accordance with our Terms of Reference, carry out PSE during the development of our position papers and reports."
2. We have neither the resources or ToR to allow us to conduct a more comprehensive PSE process. We must also take account of constraints on stakeholders including plethora of PSE events, stakeholder fatigue etc.
3. Our main emphasis must be a critical scrutiny of others' PSE activities (DECC, NDA, SG, Regulators-and to discuss the WC MRWS Partnership PSE process).
4. Many PSE activities have been or will be conducted by other TGs but we need to ensure that results/lessons are effectively integrated into the 2010 CoRWM Status Report to Government.
5. We need to consider the degree to which it would be desirable and feasible, in future years, to solicit the views of the public as well as those of stakeholders, e.g. by means such as a Citizens Panel or use of the web site, either in the work of TG6 or the PSE activities of other TGs.

Context - Other TGs' Proposed PSE Activities

6. TG1 None
7. TG 2 Scrutinising Scottish Government development of higher activity waste policy including its PSE process. This involves some proposed PSE activity in early 2010.
8. TG 3 Scrutinising Government work to increase awareness of the invitation to communities and monitoring responses. Scrutinising Government and NDA engagement with communities that have expressed an interest.
9. TG 4 Bi-lateral with NDA supply chain
10. TG 5 None

PSE Tasks

11. A proposed work plan is set out below for each of the 3 PSE tasks. These are provisional e.g. dependent on the plans of other task groups, which in turn depend partly on the plans of those we scrutinise (examples above).

Task 14 'Engage the public on issues relating to progress with the implementation of geological disposal, for example by convening a Citizens' Panel'

12. The Committee discussed PSE proposals in its January and March 2009 plenaries, notably those activities needed to support its advice on geological disposal. It discussed some initial plans for engaging with the wider public, as distinct from local or national stakeholders, but identified other tasks, e.g. its Cumbrian workshop, as its main priority.
13. TG3 has the lead responsibility for the social (rather than technical) aspects of geological disposal. They do not see a Citizens Panel as having any utility at this point.
14. TG6 will keep a watching brief on any PSE issues as the implementation of geological disposal proceeds and consider if any PSE actions may be required after the Government response to our Geological Disposal report.

Timing and Deliverables

15. Input to PSE element of Status Report to Government, in consultation with TG3.

Task 15 'Liaise with other organizations on ways to provide information to the public about the MRWS programme and RWM in general'

16. This continues work begun in 2008/9 including
 - advice to the UK Government on the content of the 2008 White Paper and associated information package, including the UK Radioactive Waste Inventory,
 - advice to the UK Government on increasing local community awareness of the invitation to take part in the geological disposal siting process, and
 - Recommendations 2 and 3, in the 31 March report on interim storage, on the need for more public information e.g. about the management of wastes and the security of waste storage and transport.
17. Further work includes
 - scrutiny of the MRWS process (mainly by TG3) to identify any information gaps or issues, e.g. in Cumbria, or in other areas where awareness may need to be raised;
 - scrutiny of interim storage (mainly by TG1) including Government and NDA action on the Recommendations mentioned above;
 - discussions with NDA, the UK and Scottish Government and others (led by TG6, liaising with TG2 and others) to see what process they have for identifying and meeting information needs, and
 - discussions with stakeholders (led by TG6) to identify any information gaps or issues.

Timing and Deliverables

18. Through events - where possible, those already planned e.g. sponsors' meetings, meetings with NDA CEO &c, events gather information and report results via PSE element of Status Report to Government. (For timings, see Table below.)

Task 16 'Scrutinize the PSE activities of Government, the NDA and the regulators related to the MRWS programme'

19. This too continues work begun in 2008/9, including a response to an NDA consultation on a PSE and communications framework for geological disposal. During the current (2009/10) period we have started to scrutinise the activity of the Scottish Government, in relation to forthcoming consultation on the development of radioactive waste policy in Scotland (TG2). We have met NDA, in July, to ask it about its PSE and related strategies and activities including how success is objectively measured. We observe NDA and others' stakeholder meetings and events.
20. Work for the coming months includes
- learning more about the process by which others (including Governments) draw up and implement PSE strategies and measure their success, including reading any relevant reports e.g. by independent evaluators,
 - considering any methods, measures, "good practice" &c which we, or they might use to judge success, and
 - identifying events and activities that TG6 or other TGs should observe.

Timing and Deliverables

21. As for task 15. Any useful comments should be fed back to the relevant agency as soon as possible rather than waiting for the 2010 Report.

Other responsibilities

22. TG6 will also be responsible for
- a. meeting NGOs either at a purpose-built event or (taking account of their views and priorities including avoidance of "stakeholder fatigue") when other opportunities present themselves e.g. on 19 October; in Scotland; in relation to new-build; &c.
 - b. preparing any PSE event or activity, possibly in the spring or early summer, in relation to the 2010 Status Report to Government.
23. The following table summarises the planned work of TG6 for October 2009 to March 2010 inclusive. Events shown * are already planned. **Milestones and deliverables are in bold.**

	<i>Work Item</i>	<i>Timing</i>
0.	Finalise workplan	7-8 October 2009 *
Information gathering phase		
1.	Agree any methodologies, allocate responsibilities &c (mainly for task 16)	19-20 Oct 2009 *
2.	Hold / attend meetings with NGOs & other stakeholders incl. on site visits to Hinkley &c (tasks 15, 16)	19 October 2009 * onwards
3.	Observe Scottish Govt PSE process (task 16: with TG2)	28 October / 24 November 2009 *
4.	Ask UK & other Govt sponsors about their PSE processes (task 16)	23 November 2009 *

	<i>Work Item</i>	<i>Timing</i>
5.	Observe W Cumbria process including PSE and any information gaps/issues (tasks 15, 16: with TG3)	24 November 2009 *
6.	Ask NDA about their PSE processes and getting more information to public (tasks 15, 16: with TG1)	8 December 2009 *
Drafting and testing conclusions phase		
7.	Draft position paper for January plenary on all TG6 work	13 January 2010
8.	Outline plans for PSE on 2010 Status Report to Government	13 January 2010
9.	Revised (7) & (8) proposals for February plenary	10 February 2010
10.	Finalise TG6 position paper and submit to plenary	8 March 2010
11.	Implement plans for PSE on 2010 Status Report to Government	March 2010 onwards

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