

DRAFT PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME 2010-13

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Background

1. At the plenary meeting of January 27th, two papers on the draft proposed work programme were discussed (CoRWM docs. 2754, 2763 draft 1).
2. The draft proposed work programme was revised following stakeholder and member concerns over potential deliverability. It was also agreed that the revised document would be open for another period of public and stakeholder engagement.

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3. Table A sets out the revised proposed tasks for 2010-11 and table B the priorities for 2011-13.
4. It is proposed to discuss the draft work programme further at the plenary meeting on February 25th.
5. Feedback from the public and stakeholder engagement will be discussed at the plenary in March 22nd before final agreement and submission to sponsors.

Table A Draft List of Tasks for 2010-11

<i>Potential tasks</i>	<i>Suggested timing</i>	<i>Resource</i>	<i>Task Group</i>
<p>Task A Scrutinise and advise on conditioning, packaging and storage issues for higher activity wastes (HAW) and nuclear materials that may be declared to be wastes, including associated research and development (R&D). Sub-tasks are:</p> <p>A1 scrutinise the NDA's development of its "topic strategies" for HAW, and for spent fuels (Magnox, oxide and exotic), plutonium and uranic materials, and associated R&D</p> <p>A2 scrutinise strategic developments in other organisations on management of HAW and nuclear materials</p>	<p>First 6 months</p> <p>All year</p>	<p>High</p> <p>Low</p>	TG 1
<p>Task B Complete scrutiny of the development of the Scottish Government policy for the management of higher activity wastes, including the associated Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and advise accordingly.</p>	First 6 months	Medium	TG 2
<p>Task C Scrutinise and advise on the voluntarism and partnership approach to geological disposal facility siting. Sub-tasks are:</p> <p>C1 scrutinise Government work to increase awareness of the invitation to communities and monitor responses</p> <p>C2 scrutinise Government and NDA engagement with and support for communities that have expressed an interest.</p>	<p>All year</p> <p>All year</p>	<p>Low</p> <p>High</p>	TG 3

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<p>Task D Scrutinise and advise on site assessment. Sub-tasks are:</p> <p>D1 scrutinise the British Geological Survey's (BGS) screening out of unsuitable areas in Cumbria</p> <p>D2 scrutinise preparations for stage 4 of the siting process (desk based studies)</p>	<p>Probably first 6 months</p> <p>All year</p>	<p>Medium</p> <p>High</p>	TG 4
<p>Task E Scrutinise and advise on NDA implementation and safety case work. Sub-tasks are:</p> <p>E1 scrutinise NDA's implementation planning, particularly for the next 5 years</p> <p>E2 scrutinise NDA's development of its generic Disposal System Safety Case (DSSC)</p>	<p>All year</p> <p>Second 6 months</p>	<p>Low</p> <p>High</p>	TG4
<p>Task F Scrutiny of R&D for geological disposal</p> <p>F1 scrutinise NDA RWMD R&D on geological disposal</p> <p>F2 scrutinise progress on strategic co-ordination of R&D</p> <p>F3 scrutinise other UK organisation's plans for R&D related to geological disposal (eg NERC)</p>	<p>All year</p> <p>Second 6 months</p> <p>All year</p>	<p>Low</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>Low</p>	TG 4
<p>Task G Advise on interim storage and geological disposal issues for ILW and spent fuels from new build nuclear power stations.</p>	Mainly first 6 months	Medium	TG 5

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<p>Task H Scrutinise the PSE activities of Government, the NDA, other waste producers and the regulators related to HAW management. Sub-tasks are:</p> <p>H1 scrutinise the rationalisation of the DECC main, MRWS and NDA websites</p> <p>H2 identify gaps in and assess effectiveness of organisations' PSE on HAW management</p> <p>Note; CoRWM will continue with its own PSE programme in developing its work.</p>	All year	Medium	TG 6
Task I Review waste-related aspects of NDA draft Strategy II and respond to public consultation	Mainly first 6 months	High	Full Committee
Task J Maintain the CoRWM website	All year	Medium	TG 7
Task K Prepare Status Report for Government on HAW management in the UK (submission April 2011 to be agreed)	Second 6 months	High	Full Committee;

Table B Priorities for 2011-13

CoRWM will be concentrating on key strategic issues within its work planning and using its agreed prioritisation criteria. Key tasks within the 2010-11 work programme will extend into future years. Additional topics will be considered according to the availability of resources. The following are the main work areas for scrutiny and advice in 2011-13. Note that each work area covers existing, committed and new build wastes.

- 1) Conditioning, packaging and storage issues for higher activity wastes (HAW) and nuclear materials that may be declared to be wastes, including associated research and development (R&D).
- 2) Near-surface disposal of short-lived HAW.
- 3) Voluntarism and partnership approach to geological disposal facility siting.
- 4) Site assessment.
- 5) NDA RWMD geological disposal implementation and safety case work.
- 6) R&D for geological disposal.
- 7) PSE activities of Government, the NDA, other waste producers and the regulators related to HAW management.
- 8) Maintaining the CoRWM website