

NDA NATIONAL NUCLEAR ARCHIVE MEETING, 19 MARCH 2010, HARWELL.**Secretariat*****Attendees***

1. Members: Lynda Warren,
2. Secretariat: Tarsam Bains
3. NDA: Catherine Thornton, Jo Hewett and Simon Tucker on telephone.

Key points

4. The NDA started the idea of a national nuclear archive a number of years ago. It is a way to safeguard NDA's (including NIREX, UKAEA, BNFL) nuclear and public records. It was expanded to include other nuclear industry organisation archives including Government nuclear policy records - including CoRWM's.
5. There hasn't been a great deal of progress for 1-2 years, but the NDA are still committed to helping the industry by safeguarding the long-term future of their records as it is a logical resting place for them.
6. NDA said that the location of the NNA will be in Wick, Scotland. The NDA siting team have granted permission to build the archive – approx. £3m has been spent so far on the project and approx. £1.9m will be spent next financial year.
7. This meeting was just an update of next steps. NDA will talk to DECC about their records and to get a feel for how big their records are and what barriers may need to be overcome to persuade them that it is a good idea.
8. NDA were told that CoRWM 1 files were in good shape and that it thought the NNA was a logical home for them, but that DECC will have the final say as CoRWM files are part of DEFRA/DECC's corporate memory. CoRWM 1 files will need to be sifted through again to take out any security protected files and personal/financial information.
9. CoRWM 2 files were a mixture of hard copy files from defra and electronic files since it transferred to DECC. It will take some time to organise them if they were to go to the NNA.
10. NDA were told about the CoRWM document archive (pre 2007 documents). They will be sent a copy once it has been updated by the Secretariat in April.