

CoRWM E-BULLETIN, No 10, June 06

Welcome to the tenth issue of CoRWM's e-bulletin, which reports on the topics discussed at CoRWM's plenary meeting held on June 20th & 21st 2006, held in Manchester.

The main business covered:

- timelines for implementing the recommendations
- developing the draft recommendations on interim storage
- an update on the work examining the impact of alternative models for the Health Effects of Radiation Exposure in relation to long term safety assessments
- CoRWM's proposals on implementation, following comments received during PSE4
- discussion on a draft of CoRWM's report to Government

The last item was considered in private session because the Committee did not want media coverage, and therefore credence, for a draft report that would almost certainly be subject to considerable change.

DISCUSSION ON TIMELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

This discussion was based on a [paper provided by Nirex](#) substantiating their work on timelines previously used as an input into the CoRWM process, and a flowchart produced by the secretariat. It was agreed that a consistency check would be needed between the 2 because it was not clear to what extent the early year timeline estimates from Nirex included the early year processes that CoRWM believe will be necessary and because some later year estimates – for development and construction – diverged between the two papers. CoRWM would seek a meeting with Nirex to clarify these points and agreed that it would produce a simple flowchart or diagram in its final report following further substantiation of the time estimates.

DISCUSSION ON INTERIM STORAGE

Discussion about how to develop appropriate recommendations on interim storage was informed by a [draft report that considered issues of storage](#) in relation to waste streams. CoRWM agreed that it would be appropriate to present the key issues for the 6 main areas identified from CoRWM's PSE activity in relation to storage, namely security, transport, coastal erosion and climate change, socio-economic issues, cost and community acceptance. CoRWM also agreed it should also clearly reference the role of other bodies with responsibilities for storage, including for example the NDA and OCNS. It was agreed to do further work as part of the development of the final report on how much CoRWM wished to say about interim storage in its recommendations to Government.

DISCUSSION ON CONFIDENCE IN LONG TERM RADIOLOGICAL SAFETY ASSESSMENTS

An update was given as to the progress of the work which CORWM was undertaking on the Confidence in Long Term Radiological Safety Assessments in relation to the implications of Alternative Models for the Health Effects of Radiation Exposure, in liaison with the Low Level Radiation Campaign. CORWM noted that some initial favourable comments on the [draft report](#) had been received from the LLRC. These comments would be followed up, and a summary of the work will be included in the final report. The report was well received by members.

CORWM's PROPOSALS ON IMPLEMENTATION

An updated [summary of the implementation report](#) was presented for review, to feed into the final report. CORWM noted that its draft recommendations on implementation had received widespread support during PSE4, and no substantive changes to recommendations would be made.

CORWM'S DRAFT REPORT TO GOVERNMENT

An incomplete draft of the final report was discussed by the Committee in private on the 21st June, which identified a number of changes to the structure and ways forward for developing the drafting of specific chapters.

OBTAINING CORWM DOCUMENTS

The documents cited in this bulletin are all available for download from the CoRWM website. One way of accessing them is to click on the link in this e-bulletin.

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