

CoRWM e-bulletin no.26

September 2008

This e-bulletin reports on our 16-17 September plenary; invites more people to put themselves forwards for attending our workshop on 30 October; reminds people that comments on our work are also invited by that date; and states that our next full Committee meeting will be held in London on 4 November.

Our 16-17 September plenary

The Committee met in Birmingham. Draft minutes will be published next month. Meanwhile here is a summary of the meeting. We discussed:

- the UK inventory of wastes: we think more clarity is needed about how future changes to the inventory would be built into plans for geological disposal including discussions with local communities.
- Interim storage, including the need for a more strategic approach to waste storage, and the management of spent fuels, plutonium and uranium.
- Research and development, including the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority's draft R&D strategy.
- The Government *Managing Radioactive Waste Safely* programme, including
 - the June 2008 White Paper and invitation to local communities to discuss siting of a geological disposal facility;
 - whether new arrangements are needed to help regulators to work more effectively together on geological disposal; and
 - whether there is a mechanism for adequate and secure long-term funding for robust radioactive waste storage and disposal.
- Other issues including our, and others' engagement with the public and stakeholders, and ensuring that their advice to us – and our advice to decision makers – is properly considered and acted upon.

Do you have comments on our work? Deadline is 30 October

Our advice needs to be based on the best available evidence and informed by the views of stakeholders and the public. So in July (e-bulletin 24) we invited your views on

- interim storage of radioactive wastes,
- geological disposal,
- research and development, including risks and uncertainties, and
- any other related issues, or aspects of our work, on which you would like to comment.

Our invitation ([document 2403](#)) is on our website. Thanks to those who have already responded. We look forward to your comments – by 30 October, please.

Would you like to come to our workshop on 30 October?

Our last e-bulletin (25) advertised a workshop we are holding in Reading. It will start at 10am and finish no later than 4.30pm. The day will be divided into a number of breakout sessions, each of which will address specific questions corresponding to the following areas of our work:

- research and development
- safe and secure interim storage
- implementing geological disposal
- Government's *Managing Radioactive Waste Safely* programme

There will also be a plenary session to discuss CoRWM's engagement with others and to obtain feedback on our public and stakeholder engagement so far. The detailed questions and briefing material will be sent to participants before the event, as well as being posted on the website.

If you would like to come, we are asking you to "nominate" yourself. We want to get a variety of views including from people we are not already meeting in other parts of our work programme. A short form is attached at the end of this bulletin, please complete and return to the Secretariat by 28 September.

Our next plenary meeting is on 4 November

The next meeting of the full Committee is on 4 November at MWB Business Exchange, 10 Greycoat Place, London SW1P 1SB, telephone 020 7960 6000. The agenda will include discussion of

- geological disposal: exclusion criteria and their application;
- Government's *Managing Radioactive Waste Safely* programme including
 - local community reaction to the Government White Paper and invitation, and
 - how organisations are identifying and managing strategic risks;
- research & development, including initial proposals for our June 2009 report to Government ;
- initial discussion of public & stakeholder comments on our work; and
- initial discussion of plans for drawing up a work programme for 2009-10.

There will be working group meetings on 3 and 5 November; these are not open to the public, but reports will be published.

Further information about our work can be found at <http://www.corwm.org.uk> or from our secretariat at CoRWM, 4C Ergon House, Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AL, telephone: 0207 238 1721, e-mail: contact@corwm.org.uk.

Committee on Radioactive Waste Management workshop

10am – 4.30pm on Thursday 30 October

at Defra/IBM Innovation Centre

Northgate House, 21-23 Valpy Street, Reading, RG1 1AR.

1. Do you wish to attend the workshop? – please tick one box

I am able to attend the workshop on Thursday 30 October and wish to do so

I am unable / do not wish to attend the meeting

2. Please complete your personal details and preferred method of contact:

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| Name | |
| Postal address | |
| Telephone numbers: Home: Mobile: | |
| E-mail: | |

3. Please add a short paragraph (no more than 200 words) explaining why you would like to attend the workshop (you may wish to include specific areas of interest).

4. Please sign and date this form

Signature

Date

Please return your form to:

By post: CoRWM secretariat, Area 4C, Ergon House, Horseferry Road, London, SW1P 2AL

By email: contact@corwm.org.uk