

**Nuclear Emergency Planning Liaison Group
Lessons Learned Sub Group Meeting
10.00 am 24 May 2006 in the DTI, Victoria Street,
Kingsgate House, London**

Present:

Mr Bob Powell	NII
Mr Rob Wharton	NII
Ms Lesley Prosser	HPA-RPD
Sqr Ldr Sam Millar	MoD
Mr Stan Cameron	MoD
Mr Brian Dillon	ACPO
Mr Bobby Ronnie	Scottish Executive
Ms Louise Robson	DTI
Mrs Dawn Ferrier	DTI
Dr Keith Pearce	British Nuclear Group
Mr Nick Rowe	Kent Emergency Planning/LGA
Mr Douglas Borthwick	ACPO(S)
Mr Nigel Shrimpton	DEFRA RIMNET
Mr Chris Lloyd	Environment Agency

Apologies

Mr Norman McPhail	BNGSL
Dr Jillian Spindura	FSA
Mr Keith Hymas	Met Office
Mr Ian Chell	DoH
Mr Ian Dickenson	ACPO (Scotland)

1 Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence

Mr Powell welcomed all to the meeting and initiated around the table introductions. Apologies were raised for John Skegg (BEG) and Terry Kelly (UKAEA).

2 Notes and Actions Arising from the last Meeting (5 December 2005)

ACTION 03/12/01 – Arrange with a representative of GONW to speak to next NEPLG LL Sub Group on lessons learned from recent crises. NII noted it has been difficult to make arrangements to move action forward. Accordingly, it was proposed to arrange an invite to a future meeting for persons who have experienced real events (i.e. involvement with Buncefield – possibly a member of HSE's

investigation team). Also GONW will be invited to the next LLSG meeting on an observer basis. **Action closed**

ACTION 04/06/02 – Distribute Media Briefing Pack produced by British Nuclear Group to NEAF members.

It was reported that no distribution was made due to no requests being made. **Action closed**

ACTION 04/12/01 – BNGSL to enquire with Operators whether information on Chemo Toxic Release data can be made available to the media. **Action ongoing**

ACTION 04/12/04 – The issue regarding radiation risk to the Police during incidents is to be discussed further under the auspices of ACPO and ACPO (S). ACPO reported that dynamic risk assessment issues were taken to ACPO in April and the issue remains ongoing. **Action ongoing.**

ACTION 05/06/02 - NII to invite speaker from Emergency Planning College to discuss MANERS at the next meeting due in December 2005. This was done. **Action closed**

ACTION 05/12/01 – DTI to contact Mr Keith Strickland of the Emergency Planning College (EPC) regarding setting up Training Sub Group. Taken within item 7. **Action closed**

ACTION 05/12/02 –

Mr Skegg, British Energy and Mr Dickenson, ACPO (S) to liaise regarding the feasibility of a 'live play' exercise and to report back to the group. The meeting was informed that the Torness level 2 Exercise "HUDSON" in November would be undertaken on a "long day" extended basis to address this. **Action closed**

3 Action Tracking of Exercise Issues (DTI to lead)

- Latest version of tracking paper attached

This agenda item was led by DTI.

From the paper the following items were discussed:

3.2 – DTI informed the meeting that the HPA RPD report had been produced, however, approval/clearance is needed prior to its release.

3.3 & 3.4 – A similar case to 3.2 applies here.

4.4 – The meeting put forward questions concerning the robustness of extendibility, which is to be tested at the forthcoming Sellafeld level 3 exercise on 3rd October 2006.

This issue is to be addressed in the following PRSG meeting.

4.5 – The communication issues outlined under this item derive from fundamental failings of IT systems.

6.19 – The performance of the SCG in Level 3 Exercise “Frome” was seen as a good practice and to be replicated via NEPLG and the LLSG. It was agreed that this was best promulgated through Strategic Control Centre management with ACPO and ACPO(S) as the actionees.

7.11 & 7.12 - This issue is to be discussed under agenda item 4.

4 Key exercise issues identified in paper NEPLG (LL) (06) (NII to lead)

Mr Wharton took the lead on introducing this item.

Mr Wharton went on to discuss the tabular format and the information presented.

The meeting discussed issues relating to part 4 of the paper and outlined a number of amendments to be made to the content prior to re-issue.

Once incorporated, the updated version will be sent for final comment to LLSG members and subsequent issue to main NEPLG for assent.

Action 06/05/01

5 Progress in the review of NEPLG Guidance / Sub Group Updates

- Update on PRSG and recovery chapter issues (DTI to lead)
- Update on Remit sub- group (SE to lead)

(i) DTI took the lead on PRSG issues.

Discussions are to take place in the following PRSG meeting which will focus on ways of revamping the management of NEPLG and sub groups.

Ms Robson has reviewed chapters on ‘Recovery’ and was putting them through a process of quality control, via personnel with specific technical knowledge. However, it was felt that limited resources may hinder this process.

Mr Rowe noted that emergency phase courses at the Emergency Planning College could be followed up by recovery phase training.

(ii) Update on Remit sub-group – SE lead.

The meeting was provided with an update on the development of the workstream looking at measures to address counter terrorism issues.

Scottish Executive noted the issue of adequate resources to support an exercise with the added element of counter terrorism.

NII have acknowledged a range of issues arose deriving from “EXERCISE CUTTY SARK”. E.g. Communications issues between different centres. It was agreed that the UKAEA MoU might usefully inform the Terrorism/Civil Nuclear workstream together with knowledge gained from “Cutty Sark”.

The MoD – Civil workstream continues to work towards combined guidance.

6 Progress in the review of LEC User Guidance

The question of what extent the user guide “drives” an OSF was raised – no OSF/LEC had been determined to be non-compliant.

Mr Dillon observed the issues of information management and communication were key in running an effective OSF/LEC.

Mr Dillon went on to report that an information paper is being prepared on ACPO emergency arrangements. Together with actions remitted from the Civil Contingencies Secretariat, this will be used to support any future revisions of the generic LEC guide.

7 Review of MANERS course material / Future MANERS content

The MANERS course was considered to be a fundamental process within the emergency arrangements sphere. The general view of the meeting was that the courses could be updated. To this end, the NEPLG summer meeting could re-convene a MANERS sub-group. The forthcoming summer seminar of NEPLG would also include a recovery workshop.

Mr Rowe queried the matter of whether there was a process for attendees of the course to provide feedback, this would be put to the EPC management

The matter of the invitation/“marketing” of current EPC events is to be further addressed. Mr Pierce commented upon the issue of course marketing. He proposed that potential and pending course attendees could be invited to put forward items that they would like to see included in future courses.

The meeting went on to mutually agree, that although there was some scope for the two MANERS courses to be integrated into one, the format should remain, nevertheless, at two courses. Technically this

would still be an England/Wales event around April with a Scotland event in late May.
Accordingly the DTI, on NEPLG's behalf, are to approach the MANERS course director to discuss improvements on the ways of marketing the future MANERS courses.

The MANERS sub-group to be re-convened. It will look into ways of updating the content of future courses.

8 Key REPPIR issues

- Paper on Post REPPIR Framework – further discussion following MoD comments (original paper with MoD comments appended attached)

NII opened a brief discussion to the background of this paper to the meeting. NII will now review the Post REPPIR Framework paper to incorporate comments and re-issue for final draft comment. It will then be submitted to the main NEPLG for assent. **Action 06/05/02**

9 Any Other Business

The meeting was informed that Carol Attwood is to replace Chris Lloyd in the role of Emergency Planning Officer within the Environment Agency for NEPLG and the standing sub-group.

10 Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

7th December 2006

ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS NEPLG LESSONS LEARNED SUB-GROUP MEETINGS

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04/06/02	Distribute Media Briefing Pack produced by British Nuclear Group to NEAF members.	British Nuclear Group	Closed
04/12/01	Enquire with Operators whether information on Chemo Toxic Release can be made available to the media.	Mr McPhail	Ongoing
04/12/04	The issue regarding radiation risk to the Police during incidents is to be discussed further under the auspices of ACPO and ACPO (S).	ACPO / ACPO Scotland	Ongoing
05/06/02	Invite speaker from Emergency Planning College to discuss MANERS at the next meeting due in December 2005.	NII	Closed
05/12/01	DTI to contact Mr Keith Strickland of the Emergency Planning College (EPC) regarding setting up Training Sub Group.	DTI	Closed
05/12/02	Mr Skegg, British Energy and Mr Dickenson, ACPO (S) to liaise regarding the feasibility of a 'live play' exercise and to report back to the group.	British Energy / ACPO	Closed

**ACTIONS FROM NEPLG LESSONS LEARNED SUB-GROUP MEETING
5 DECEMBER 2005**

Action number	Description of Action	Action on	Status
06/05/01	Mr Wharton to implement amendments to NEPLG (LL) (06) paper prior to re-issue to LLSG members for final comment.	NII	New
06/05/02	NII will now review the Post REPPIR Framework paper to incorporate comments and re-issue for final draft comment.	NII	New

