

MEETING OF NEPLG REMIT SUB-GROUP

Date: 17 January 2007

Venue: Kingsgate House, Victoria St; London

Time: 11.00 – 13.00

In attendance:

Bobby Ronnie, Scottish Executive (Chair)

William Millar, Scottish Executive

Brian Dillon, Lancashire Police

Keith Pearce, British Nuclear Group (BNG)

John Reynolds, Office for Civil Nuclear Security (OCNS)

Bob Powell, Nuclear Installations Inspectorate (NII)

Terry Kelly, United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA)

Louise Robson, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)

Nick Rowe, Kent Council

Danny Vince, Department for Transport (DfT)

Barry Cripwell, Rolls-Royce

Lesley Prosser, Health Protection Authority – Radiation Protection Agency (HPA-RPD)

Purpose of Meeting

1. Mr Ronnie welcomed everybody to the third meeting of the sub-group. He reminded members that the purpose of the group was to:

- Review and consider the linkages between civil and terrorist nuclear arrangements;
- Consider and establish the scope for joining up MOD and civil nuclear arrangements; and
- Consider civil nuclear emergency arrangements within the wider civil contingencies framework.

2. It was agreed that the group would focus on the priorities set out in the 'Key Issues' paper prepared by the Scottish Executive. It was further agreed that the remaining items in the 'workplans' would be reviewed in 6 months to determine whether further work was required. **Action: Scottish Executive to review sub-group 'workplans' in 6 months.**

Outcomes from Meeting

3. The sub-group agreed to write to Cabinet Office highlighting the key issues and difficulties that arose from Exercise Cutty Sark last year. In particular, it agreed that the sub-group would ask Cabinet Office to build the issues into the National Capabilities Programme as a matter of priority. Using Mr Ronnie's debrief note from Exercise Cutty Sark as starting point, it was agreed that the Executive, Nuclear Installations Inspectorate and Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) would draft and submit the paper to Cabinet Office. **Action: Scottish Executive to provide first draft and circulate to ACPO, DTI and NII.** [Done: draft (hard copy) sent to ACPO, DTI and NII on 21 February 2007.]

4. The sub-group 'agreed in principle' that MOD guidance could and should be combined with NEPLG guidance. This would represent significant progress in ensuring a

more joined-up approach between the MOD and civil arrangements. MOD will now consider how best to integrate the MOD guidance with NEPLG guidance. **Action: MOD to progress via NEPLG.**

5. On the wider framework work stream, Mr Pearce presented a paper looking at the relationship between NEPLG and the UK Emergency Planning Community. The paper recommended that nuclear emergency planning should aim to align with arrangements under the Civil Contingencies Act (CCA) to ensure that responding agencies respond to nuclear in same fashion as other incidents. It was agreed that this could be incorporated into the review of the NEPLG guidance. **Action: DTI to build into review of NEPLG guidance.**

6. The sub-group acknowledged the merits of closer links with the Chemical and Pipelines Emergency Planning Liaison Group (CAP-EPLG). It was agreed that the CAP-ELG secretary should be invited to attend future NEPLG meetings. **Action: DTI to discuss with HSE.**

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