

# Forum.



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## Welcome

Here is a summary of what has been hitting the headlines, recently issued reports, consultations in progress, forthcoming meeting dates and other items of note. This is a monthly service which we are providing to those of our members who financially support our work.

## Dates for your diary

The next meeting of Nuleaf's Radioactive Waste Planning Group will take place online on 28<sup>th</sup> April 10.30 – 12.00. The meeting will include a discussion on topics to cover at a proposed meeting to discuss Emergency Planning which will take place later in the year. This meeting is open to officers from all Nuleaf member authorities.



After a gap of two years, NDA intends to hold a Stakeholder Summit in Edinburgh on **7th and 8th September**. Travel and accommodation will be funded, and we would ask that you hold these dates in your diary pending further information being available.

Nuleaf is looking at holding the June Steering Group meeting in person. We had hoped to visit Hinkley Point but have been advised that this is not practical at present. We are currently in discussions with Magnox about visiting Berkeley, which is one of their 'lead and learn' sites for the rolling decommissioning programme. Further details will be circulated in due course, but in the meantime we would ask that you hold **15th and 16th June** in your diaries. We also hope to be able to provide some funding towards travel and accommodation costs.

If you wish to attend any of the above meetings, please contact [catherine.draper@nuleaf.org.uk](mailto:catherine.draper@nuleaf.org.uk).

## One NDA

NDA has published [responses to the comments received](#) on its draft Business Plan for 2022-25. You can also access the [final Business Plan document](#) on NDA's website.

Following a change of approach, MOD is now considering transferring the [Vulcan nuclear submarine support base](#) in Scotland to the NDA for decommissioning. The move has received cautious support from the Dounreay Stakeholder Group Chair.

NDA has published its group [gender pay gap report](#) which covers the period 2020-21, prior to the formation of Nuclear Transport Solutions and Nuclear Waste Services.

NDA has also published its first [Sustainability Strategy](#). The strategy focuses on delivering sustainable socio-economic outcomes for nuclear communities through decommissioning practices, care for the environment and cultural change.

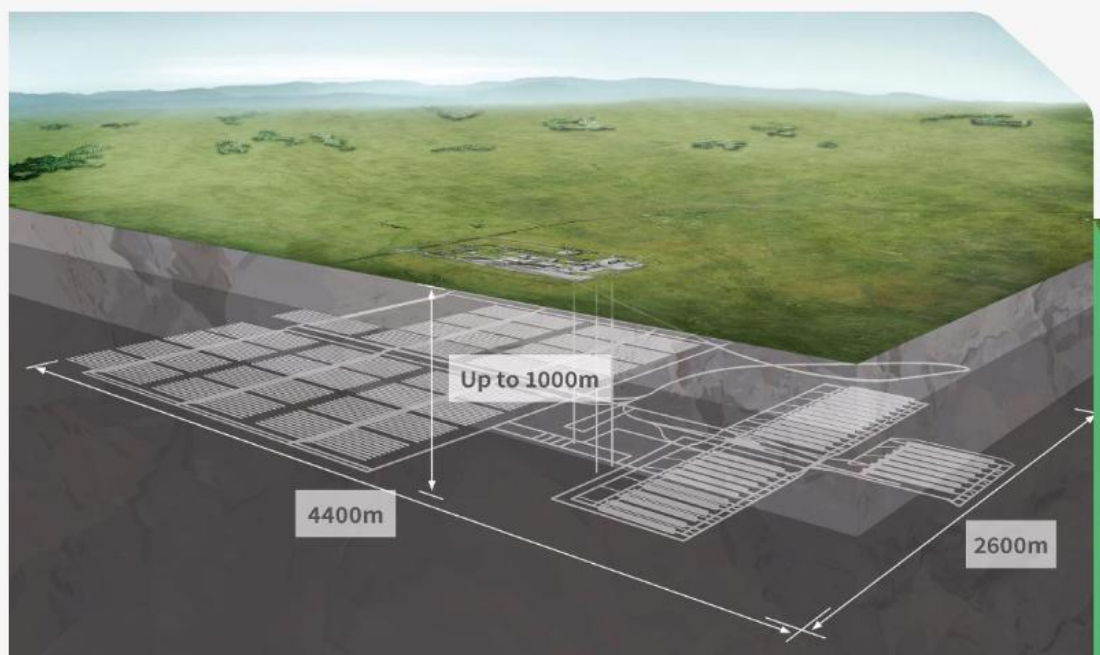


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## Nuclear Waste Service update

Three local community projects in the Mid Copeland Community Partnership area have been awarded funds from the GDF Community Fund. A pot of up to £1 million is available to communities engaged in the GDF siting process. Funds can be used to support the local economy, improve community well-being or enhance the local environment.

The Low Level Waste Repository has published the latest edition of its newsletter *On the Level*.

Waste from Winfrith site has been transferred to the Low Level Waste Repository (LLWR) following a period of storage at Harwell which allowed the waste to decay from Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) to Low Level Waste (LLW) categorisation. These will now be placed into vaults for disposal at LLWR.



## International

Nuleaf's Executive Director Philip Matthews attended the annual meeting of the EURAD Programme in Paris on the 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> March. Due to Covid, this was the first in person meeting of the programme, which has been running for two years.

The meeting heard from the EU Commission, the IAEA and a range of national programmes on the progress being made in the development of repositories for Higher Activity radioactive Waste (HAW). EURAD is a multinational research programme involving waste management organisations, technical support bodies, research institutions and civil society representatives. More information can be found at [www.ejp-eurad.eu](http://www.ejp-eurad.eu)

NWMO, the organisation tasked with finding a site for geological disposal in Canada, has published its [Annual Report](#). Over the past year boreholes have been drilled at the sites shortlisted for the repository, and work was undertaken to prepare for full-scale emplacement trials which will take place this year. The organisation was also again able to meet in person with the communities around the sites following a hiatus due to Covid.

## Nuleaf update

Since we last published this newsletter we have posted the following items on our website:

- [Papers](#) for the Steering Group meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022
- [Presentation](#) by Jamie Reed, Director of Social Impact, NDA
- [Minutes](#) from the Steering Group meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021
- [Minutes](#) from the 2021 AGM

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