

[managing radioactive waste safely]

13th October 2009

Dear Stakeholder

**West Cumbria MRWS Partnership - Stakeholder Organisations Workshop
4th December 2009, 09.30 to 16.00, Whitehaven**

We are writing, on behalf of the Partnership, to invite you to take part in this important workshop.

The West Cumbria Managing Radioactive Waste Safely (MRWS) Partnership is an advisory body aiming to *"make recommendations to Allerdale Borough Council, Copeland Borough Council and Cumbria County Council on whether they should participate or not in the geological disposal facility siting process, without commitment to eventually host a facility"*. The Partnership exists to offer a wider representation of community interests to the Councils making the decision whether or not to participate in the process. A list of the Partnership members has been attached for your information.

The Partnership currently envisages three rounds of public and stakeholder engagement (PSE) before making its recommendation to the Councils on whether to participate or not in the siting process. The first round will include; an information leaflet delivered to all households in West Cumbria; a citizens panel; presentations to all the Neighbourhood Forums in West Cumbria; and a stakeholder organisations workshop.

The stakeholder organisations workshop has the following objectives:

- To help stakeholders develop their understanding of the MRWS process, the national context and how it is being managed in West Cumbria.
- To build the Partnership's understanding of stakeholder organisations' views about the MRWS process.
- To get feedback on the Partnership's work to date and plans ahead, particularly, the Terms of Reference, draft criteria, work programme and PSE Plan.

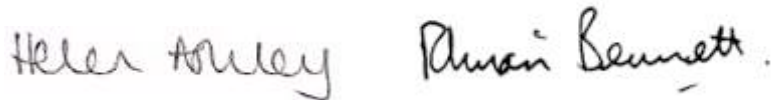
We have also attached an agenda for your information.

In the first instance, as numbers are limited, we are asking organisations to **nominate 1 representative**. If you are unable to attend, or feel that the event would be of more relevance to a colleague, please do make sure that you pass this invitation on.

Please complete the attached reply form and send it to **Helen Ashley**, 3KQ at Helena@3kq.co.uk by **2nd November**.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions;
About the workshop contact Helen Ashley on Helena@3kq.co.uk or 07787 532216.
About the Partnership please use the free phone number or email address above.

Yours faithfully

Handwritten signatures of Helen Ashley and Rhuari Bennett in black ink.

Helen Ashley and Rhuari Bennett

3KQ

Independent facilitators and Programme Manager for the Partnership

Attached:

- Agenda for Stakeholder Organisations Workshop
- List of Partnership Members
- Initial Invitees List
- Reply Form

West Cumbria MRWS Partnership – Stakeholder Organisation Workshop Agenda for 4th December 2009

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Session timings are approximate; short breaks will be taken in the morning and afternoon.

Time	Item	Notes
0930	Arrivals and Registration	
1000	Welcome, purpose and agenda for the day	
1015	<p>Context: Short presentations from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Energy and Climate Change • Nuclear Decommissioning Authority • Local Government • The West Cumbria MRWS Partnership <p>Questions and discussion</p>	<p><i>The intention of this session is to give everyone a chance to hear some background information about MRWS and the prospect of a repository being considered in West Cumbria, and then ask questions to better understand the context.</i></p>
1130	<p>Identifying Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the issues to address? • Which issues need to be resolved or understood better, before a decision whether to participate or not can be recommended? 	<p><i>Interactive discussion identifying and recording the key issues which arise that the Partnership should be aware of and respond to.</i></p>
1300	LUNCH	<i>Informal networking</i>
1400	<p>The Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress so far (<i>Terms of Reference, Work Programme</i>) • Looking ahead (<i>Public and Stakeholder Engagement</i>) <p>Questions and discussion</p>	<p><i>Short presentations, followed by small group and plenary discussion giving guidance to the Partnership on how it can best operate and how other stakeholders might assist.</i></p>
1530	Outstanding Questions/Issues	<i>Have we missed anything?</i>
1545	Next Steps	<i>Outlining the next steps in the programme and opportunities for further involvement.</i>
1600	Close	