



## **CONSULTATION ON NDAWG GUIDANCE NOTES**

### **Background**

The UK National Dose Assessment Working Group was set up in 2002 with the aim of bringing together people and organisations with responsibility for and/or an interest in the assessment of radiation doses to the public from the operation of the nuclear industry and from minor users of radioactivity. One of the main aims of NDAWG is to promote the use of best practice and consistent methodologies. Membership of NDAWG is by invitation and covers Government Departments and Agencies, industries discharging radioactive materials, specialists and representatives from NGOs. The members of the group act as independent experts, not as representatives of their parent organisations. Further information on the work of NDAWG can be found on the website [www.ndawg.org](http://www.ndawg.org).

In November 2006, NDAWG held an open meeting to discuss its work. A recommendation from this meeting was that NDAWG should produce guidance on good practice in dose assessments. Subsequently members of NDAWG agreed that a series of guidance notes should be produced covering different topics related to the assessment of radiation doses from controlled releases of radioactive material to the environment. These notes will consider both prospective and retrospective dose assessments.

### **Aim and status of the guidance notes**

The guidance notes are intended to be the collective opinion of the group on good practice and it is hoped that they will find wide application in the UK and be of interest elsewhere. In order to ensure that this is the case a period of consultation will be held for each note to obtain comments from members' organisations and other interested parties.

### **Consultation process**

This is not a formal consultation process as carried out by Government Departments and agencies and NDAWG will not be responding directly to people who submit comments. However, NDAWG welcomes comments from anyone on the notes and these comments will be taken into account as far as possible in producing the final version. The period of consultation is three months and comments should be sent to the NDAWG secretariat at [ndawg@hpa.org.uk](mailto:ndawg@hpa.org.uk) or in writing to Wayne Oatway, NDAWG Secretariat, HPA, Chilton, Didcot, Oxon OX11 0RQ within the consultation period as given on the website.