

NATIONAL DOSE ASSESSMENT WORKING GROUP

SUB-GROUP ON COMMUNICATIONS

3rd Meeting held on 21st September 2006, Aviation House London.

1. Present

Chair	Barrie Lambert	Consultant
Regulators/agencies	Andrew Craze	NDA
	Anne Nisbet	HPA
	Patrick Stephen	NII
	David Webbe-Wood	FSA
Specialists/NGOs	David Collier	Faulkland Associates
Secretariat	Ray Kowe	HPA
Apologies	Mike Poole	Nirex

The Chairman welcomed Patrick Stephen to the subgroup.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Members pointed out there were two action 2.4's, this will be amended in a second version of the minutes from the 2nd meeting.

The rest of the minutes were agreed.

3. Actions from the first meeting

Action 2.1 Mike to provide a form of words to replace the term "routine dose" in the minutes of first meeting. Completed

Action 2.2 All subgroup members to draft a specification in the form of bullet points and send them to Barrie by the end of July. Superseded. Barrie has now received contributions from members.

Action 2.3 The subgroup secretary to send the NDAWG steering group the specification for an overview document and ask them to approach the different agencies for their contribution. Superseded.

Action 2.4 The subgroup secretary to issue relevant HPA-RPD at a glance leaflets to subgroup members by the end of July. Completed. The secretary has brought along several copies of relevant 'at a glance leaflets' from the HPA and other organisations.

Action 2.5 The chairman to approach the NDAWG steering group as to setting up a joint workshop on communication of risk with the AFCWG. Ongoing.

Action 2.6 Anne and David Webbe-Wood to discuss (with other members of FSA and HPA-RPD) how to promote the idea of a joint workshop on risk communication at the next AFCWG meeting. Anne has spoken to Bernie Wilkins and they have agreed to a workshop in February 2007 at which Mike Clarke (HPA) will attend.

Action 2.7 David Collier to email the Subgroup secretary a copy of the Quintessa report for CoRWM on the use of Nirex models using different dose conversion factors (European not ICRP). Completed.

4. Topics for discussion

Action 3.1 Anne and David Webbe-Wood to progress the joint workshop on risk communication.

4.1 Briefing note for SSG's and LCLC's

Subgroup members agreed that they would produce a briefing note for SSG's. This would be a simple, straightforward document which pre-empt questions people might want to ask, such as:

What is the role of the regulators, EA, FSA etc ?

Who does the regulating?

Who does the monitoring?

How is compliance demonstrated?

What is the compliance measured against, dose limits?, discharge limits?

How do we put risk into context?

The note needs to covers prospective and retrospective assessments, which is a remit of NDAWG to be covered by the subgroup. It should cover how uncertainty and probabilistic doses are presented. The note may replace the HPA at a glance leaflet on doses from discharges.

Action 3.2 David Webbe-Wood to supply Barrie with the report "Presentation of Probabilistic Dose Estimates" by Greenstreet Berman Ltd, which was a pilot project for the FSA.

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The Chairmen suggested one role of the subgroup may be to contribute to a HPA leaflet or to inform HPA what is missing from the leaflet on doses from discharges.

The various topic areas of the note were then delegated to subgroup members to draft paragraphs of the

Action 3.4 Patrick to produce a short note on licensing of nuclear sites.

This will address questions such as:

What is a nuclear licensed site? How does it become licensed, how does it become delicensed?

How is safety and security from a nuclear site is regulated?

What is the licence, what sort of thing does it require, who polices it and how?

Action 3.5 David Webbe-Wood to produce a short note on authorisations.

This will address questions such as:

What are discharge authorisations, what sort of thing do they include, who polices them and how?

Who sets discharge and dose limits?

How do we demonstrate compliance to the limits?

How do I find out about levels of radioactivity in environmental foodstuffs?

Action 3.6 Barrie to produce a short note on health impact.

This will address questions such as:

Who is responsible for monitoring possible health impacts in the local area?

Where can I get more information about health and cancer levels in my area?

Action 3.7 Anne to email people in HPA for information for Barrie on health impact.

Action 3.8 David Webbe-Wood and David Collier to produce a short note on probabilistic doses

Note that the subgroup will produce a separate note on risk as it is a more contentious issue. This will address questions on what is risk, how is it controlled, can the public have confidence in the control of risk.

Action 3.9 Andrew and David Collier to provide a short summary of the relationship between the NDA and commercial organisations involved in the operation of its sites.

Action 3.10 Andrew to draw up separate diagram on the role of the NDA.

Action 3.11 Subgroup members to get their notes to Barrie by the week beginning the 9th October, who will collate them with an introduction by the 15th October.

4.2 NDA stakeholder meeting

The NDA Stakeholders Group meeting is taking place in October and Andrew asked subgroup members is there anything the subgroup needs to present to the Group. The Chairman asked Andrew to inform the Stakeholders Group that the NDAWG communications subgroup existed and is producing a briefing note.

4.3 Vehicles for communication

The subgroup will produce a couple of PowerPoint slides outlining the contents of the briefing note that David Webbe-Wood could add to his presentation for SSG's.

4.4 Use of dose/risk/risk comparisons

Anne informed the subgroup that Jane Simmonds has produced a new methodology for displaying the main routes of exposure to the UK population as 'bricks' in a 'wall', this interpretation replaces the pie chart format.

5 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held in early December.

6 **Summary of Actions**

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