The Health Protection Agency (HPA), the Environment Agency (EA), the Food Standards Agency (FSA), and the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate (NII) have jointly established the National Dose Assessment Working Group (NDAWG). This initiative results from a recommendation in the consultative exercise on dose assessments (CEDA) organised by the FSA.

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. The main focus of the work of NDAWG will be past, present and future authorised discharges and direct radiation; initially the Group's scope will not include accidents or solid waste disposal. 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. A steering group has been set up to oversee the technical aspects of the running of NDAWG.