

Scope of the Problematic Waste Integrated Project Team

Integrated waste management is an important component of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA)'s current strategy. This strategy recognises the need to ensure that effective waste plans are being implemented across the NDA estate and that risks are managed and opportunities pursued at both site and estate level.

Problematic radioactive waste, in the nuclear industry, describes any waste for which no defined waste management route is either available or currently planned in detail, or for which the existing solution is sub-optimal. These are wastes from across the radiological spectrum including lower and higher activity waste.

In order to support NDA's strategy, published in April 2016, an Integrated Project Team (IPT) on problematic radioactive waste, being led on behalf of the NDA by Radioactive Waste Management Ltd (RWM) and LLW Repository Ltd was established in May 2016. The objective of the IPT is to develop a co-ordinated and improved approach to the industry-wide management of problematic radioactive waste.

The IPT will act a focal point for a co-ordinated industry-wide approach and, through ongoing engagement with stakeholders, has established a community of practice to enable solutions to be developed and delivered. An initial stakeholder workshop was held in July 2016 and the following work has been conducted to date:

- a Community of Practice has been established with waste owners (meetings held in October 2016 and February 2017) and UK regulators have been consulted
- the problematic waste inventory has been updated
- an inventory calendar tool has been developed using the updated problematic waste inventory, including details on timing of operational and decommissioning programmes and key points when waste groups will become part of the critical path for site decommissioning and remediation
- a report summarising previous work on problematic waste has been produced

Initially, the key outputs of the IPT, which will be completed by March 2017, are:

- a draft preferred strategic position paper for short, medium and long-term opportunities
- a draft three-year work programme

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