

The All Party Parliamentary Group on Nuclear Energy

Wednesday 25 June 2008

The Attlee Suite, Portcullis house

**Presentation by
Steve Morgan,
Director of Commercial and Contract Management,
Sellafield Limited**

Attendees:

Lord Lea of Crondale
Lord Jenkin of Roding
Lord O'Neill of Clackmannan
John Robertson MP
Michael Connarty MP
Rt Hon Adam Ingram MP
David Drew MP
Richard Ottoway MP
Bill Olnier MP
Russell Brown MP
Jim Sheridan MP
Jamie Reed MP
Iain Liddell Grainger MP
Robert Goodwill MP
Andrew Miller MP
Bill Tynan, TUSNE
Simon James, NIA
Tris Denton, NIA

Steve Gibbons, GMB
Victoria Barton, Edelman
Alistair Thomas, Lloyds Register
Miranda Kirschel, CH2M Hill
Graham Baldwin, University of Central
Lancashire
Martin Adeney, URS Washington
Division
Victoria MacGregor, Edf Energy
Ben Todd, Sellafield
Isobel Petri, Bridgewater
Paul Longsworth Fluor
Laren Berry
David Whitmore Atkins
Michael Courtney, Researcher to Adam
Ingram MP

Welcome and introductions

John Robertson MP, Chair of the APPG welcomed and introduced Steve Morgan Director of Commercial and Contract Management, Sellafield.

Personal background

Steve gave a brief description of his background, with more than 30 years in and around the nuclear market. In 2004, he took up the role of Sellafield's Commercial Director to assist and lead the British Nuclear Group's operations into a new management and operations commercial way of doing business.

Background – Sellafield

He went on to explain that Sellafield was located in West Cumbria and covered 8 square miles. It was one of the longest established nuclear licensed sites in the country with a vast history. This signalled that Sellafield had a key role to play for a long time to come and it

would like to reposition people's views and highlight that it can play a key part in the future of the industry.

UK Energy challenges

The two main challenges required to be achieved was climate change. In 2007, the UK government set targets to cut the UK's CO2 emissions by 60%. The second being security of supply, it is estimated that the UK will import 90% of its gas by 2020 and he said that Russia is no longer cash strapped and will use the economy and large energy sources as weapons.

Role of Sellafield in meeting the changes

The site is owned by the NDA (Nuclear Decommissioning Authority) and operated by Sellafield Ltd. There is current competition for a new Parent Body Organisation (PBO) to operate Sellafield and the successful bidder will be announced next month, with the new PBO being in place by the end of November.

Steve gave an outline of the operations carried out at Sellafield including how the fuel cycle works and the benefits. He covered the areas of expertise which Sellafield can offer including recycling operations, reactor operations, transport, fuel manufacture, decommissioning, management and package of waste to the storing of waste.

Steve believes that Sellafield could be the location of one of the new power stations and that Sellafield could also become the centre of the hydrogen economy.

He reported that there are many suggested locations throughout the UK for potential sites for new build but believes that Sellafield could be one of those locations

Questions

Questions covered areas such as clean up costs and how long it will take; how do we address lobby groups such as Greenpeace, are there enough skills to turn new build into a reality; is there problems with an ageing workforce; if new build is built on a large scale does this cause security problems and if there is a change in government would there be a threat of closure.

Conclusion

John Robertson MP thanked Steve for sharing his thoughts with the group. He announced that the next meeting of the group would take place on Tuesday 15 July at which the Environment Minister, Phil Woolas will address with the AGM taking place prior to that meeting. He notified the members that E.on had agreed to host a visit to their deep rock repository in Oskarsham in Sweden and information relating to this visit will be sent to the members to ascertain their interest in attending.