

Copies of papers recording contact between the UK and Irish Governments on the question of transboundary impacts of the Hinkley Point C nuclear power station, 2011 - 2012

1. Extract from note of UK/Ireland Contact Group Meeting on Radiological Matters, 16 March 2011

**UK/Ireland Contact Group Meeting on Radiological Matters
Wednesday 16 March 2011, Custom House, Dublin**

Minutes

<u>Ireland:</u>	REDACTED	DEHLG (Chair)
	REDACTED	DEHLG
	REDACTED	DEHLG (via Videoconference)
	REDACTED	RPII
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	REDACTED	DFA
	REDACTED	DFA
<u>UK:</u>	REDACTED	DECC
	REDACTED	DECC (via Teleconference)
	REDACTED	NDA
	REDACTED	Isle of Man
	REDACTED	DoENI
	REDACTED	British Embassy

1. Minutes of the previous meeting & actions arising

REDACTED

2. Fukushima incident and New Build update

REDACTED

[DECC official] stated that he had not heard any more from the IPC on the question of how transboundary consultations are to be managed, and neither had Ireland.

Action 1: [DECC official] to follow up with IPC. [IPC have since published guidance which [DECC] had sent to [Ireland].]

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3. Current and Forthcoming UK consultations, including Plutonium management

REDACTED

4. THORP, Magnox and HAL Stocks update

REDACTED

5. NDA Developments

REDACTED

6. Ireland's radioactive waste strategy

REDACTED

7. Developments in Scotland & Northern Ireland

REDACTED

8. International Developments

REDACTED

9. Incidents & emergency response exercises, Ireland & UK

REDACTED

10. Transport of Nuclear Materials through the Irish Sea

REDACTED

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is to take place in the first half of September 2011 in the UK.

*Environmental Radiation Policy & Air Quality
March 2011*

2. DECC official sent Irish Government link to IPC guidance on transboundary consultation, 13 May 2011

Action recorded but e-mail not retained.

3. Extract from note of UK / Ireland Contact Group Meeting on Radioactivity Matters, 9 September 2011

UK/Ireland Contact Group on Radioactivity Matters

Friday 9 September 2011

Whitehall Place, London SW1

Meeting note

Present:

UK	REDACTED	DECC
	REDACTED	DECC
	REDACTED	DECC
	REDACTED	DECC
	REDACTED	NDA
	REDACTED	FCO
	REDACTED	HSE
	REDACTED	EA
	REDACTED	FSA
	REDACTED	Scottish Government
	REDACTED	NIEA
	REDACTED	British Embassy, Dublin
	REDACTED	IoM Government
Ireland	REDACTED	DEHLG
	REDACTED	DEHLG
	REDACTED	RPII
	REDACTED	RPII
	REDACTED	Irish Embassy, London

Agenda Item 1: Introductions, Minutes of previous meeting (16 March 2011), agree agenda & actions arising

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Agenda Item 2: New Build Update

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EDF are likely shortly to apply to the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC) for planning consent for Hinkley Point C. Consultation on transboundary effects would form a part of the IPC's consideration of the application – guidelines have recently been issued. It is expected that Ireland will be notified. DECC will remain in close liaison with the IPC throughout the process and will have their first meeting very shortly. An application to the local authority for preliminary works has also been made by EDF. In response to query from [Irish official] regarding whether new build developers would engage with affected, neighbouring states before making their application, [DECC official] commented that he thought that EDF would want to be clear that they would proceed with the application before they did so. [He] agreed to provide a process timetable when this becomes clear. **ACTION 3:** UK (DECC) to provide Ireland with a timetable of next steps once the IPC have considered the Hinkley Point C application.

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Agenda Item 3: Forthcoming UK consultations & publications

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Agenda Item 4: THORP, Magnox & HAL Stocks update

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Agenda Item 5: NDA Developments & Update on GDF policy

REDACTED

Agenda Item 6: Update on Sellafield

REDACTED

Agenda Item 7: Ireland's Radioactive Waste Strategy

REDACTED

Agenda Item 8: Developments in Scotland & Northern Ireland

REDACTED

Agenda Item 9: International Developments

REDACTED

Agenda Item 10: Transport of Nuclear Materials through the Irish Sea

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Agenda Item 11: Any Other Business

REDACTED

Agenda Item 12: Papers tabled (not for discussion)

REDACTED

Date of next meeting

1. To be hosted by Irish Government in Dublin in March 2012. UK will canvass UK participants once a decision had been made about specific attendees.

Department of Energy & Climate Change

London

September 2011

4. E-mail from DECC official to Irish Government in pursuit of the Action point, 16 September 2011

From: REDACTED

Sent: 16 September 2011 13:54

To: REDACTED'

Cc: REDACTED

Subject: RE: UK/Ireland Contact Group on Radioactivity Matters, 9 Sep: Actions

I've spoken (separately) to EDF and the IPC. They have been in contact with each other about this point in particular as well as the process more generally. EDF's view is that there will be no significant transboundary effects and that a transboundary consultation is not needed. IPC will be considering the point when they have received the application. EDF are hoping to submit the application soon but the exact timing is not confirmed yet. I'll let you know when that's clearer.

5. E-mail from DECC official to Irish Government, 16 January 2012

From: REDACTED

Sent: 16 January 2012 13:12

To: REDACTED'

Subject: RE: UK/Ireland Contact Group, 9 September 2011: Final Note of meeting

I think I've directed you to the IPC website before. You can see from the attached page that they are now asking people to register an interest by 23 January.

<http://infrastructure.independent.gov.uk/projects/south-west/hinkley-point-c-new-nuclear-power-station/>

6. Action points following meeting of UK / Ireland Contact Group Meeting on Radiological Matters, 30 March 2012

From: REDACTED

Sent: 24 May 2012 13:34

To: REDACTED'

Cc: REDACTED

Subject: UK/Ireland Contact Group: Actions, next meeting

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In addition I reproduce below a list of actions (with progress comments where applicable) that we understand were tabled at the last meeting – these can be clarified if needs be when you have completed your draft minutes:

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ACTION 4: DECC agreed to clarify whether or not the Planning Inspectorate will consider transboundary issues in respect of the Hinkley Point C application. (Note: email of 5 April responded to this request).

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7. E-mail from DECC official to Irish Government, 5 April 2012

From: REDACTED
Sent: 05 April 2012 09:14
To: REDACTED
Cc: REDACTED
Subject: Nuclear - Hinkley Point

Following Friday's meeting, I asked the Infrastructure Planning Commission (now the Planning Inspectorate) about the possibility of a transboundary consultation. They replied :

"We're currently of the view that a transboundary consultation is not required. That assessment was carried out before the application was submitted, based on the pre application material that EDF had submitted.

This is subject to review now that the application has been submitted and of course we have an ongoing duty to review the need for transboundary consultation during the course of the examination as information is provided to us by the applicant and interested parties."

Material on the application is at
<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/south-west/hinkley-point-c-new-nuclear-power-station/>