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| | ONR-NGO Meeting – 11 October 2018 |
| Title | Update on Basic Safety Standards Directive Implementation - REPPIR |
| From | Mark Foy, Chief Nuclear Inspector |
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| Agenda item/Stats | <i>N/A – There will be an opportunity for questions following the presentation by Mark Foy on 11 October 2018</i> |

1 Purpose

- 1.1 This paper provides NGO members with an update on the transposition of the Euratom Basic Safety Standards Directive 2013 (2013/59/Euratom) in respect of emergency planning arrangements subject to REPPIR 2001.

2 Summary

- 2.1 REPPIR 2019 is jointly sponsored by BEIS (lead for civil nuclear emergency arrangements policy), HSE for non–nuclear radiation sectors, and MOD for the defence nuclear sector. MOD is not bound by Euratom but has taken a policy decision to apply the BSSD to defence activities, as is the case now.
- 2.2 A joint BEIS/HSE/MOD consultation on the government’s approach opened on the 5 October 2017 and closed on the 15 November 2017. ONR understands that the government is aiming to publish the response in October 2018.
- 2.3 ONR understands that BEIS is also aiming to publish the revised draft regulations for information in early October 2018 and replace the REPPIR 2001 regulations in early 2019. The regulations will be made under the Health and Safety at Work Act etc. (1974). The government is working closely with ONR, HSE and MOD to ensure that appropriate guidance is available to dutyholders when the new regulations come into force. The new regulations will be supported by an Approved Code of Practice (ACoP), which will offer practical guidance on how dutyholders can meet the requirements of the regulations.
- 2.4 The ACOP is expected to be subject to a public consultation, which will seek views on its technical content. It will not be a re-run of the BEIS consultation on policy.
- 2.5 The consultation process will be consistent with government consultation principles and legal advice regarding appropriate duration. The timetable for the completion of the REPPIR regulations drives the timetable for the production of the ACOP. ONR would welcome and encourage NGOs to respond to the consultation exercise when it goes live, currently estimated to be spring 2019.

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3 Background

- 3.1 The government is engaged in the transposition of Euratom Basic Safety Standard Directive (BSSD) 2013 [2013/59/Euratom]. The Directive requires a number of changes to be made to the UK's regulatory framework for nuclear and radiological emergency preparedness. The current legislative framework in Great Britain in relation to planning for nuclear and radiological emergencies or accidents is principally contained in the Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations (REPPIR) 2001.
- 3.2 As a signatory to the Euratom Treaty and as a member of the European Union, the UK is legally required to implement Euratom Directives such as the BSSD.
- 3.3 The BSSD is based on the recommendations of the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP) in Publication 103, informed by lessons learned from the Fukushima Daiichi accident and recent international standards from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).
- 3.4 The UK is committed to the highest standards in defence and civil nuclear and radiological safety. These changes are in no way in response to a change in the UK's assessment of the risk of a nuclear or radiological emergency.
- 3.5 The UK's decision to leave the European Union and Euratom does not affect its commitment to the highest standards in defence and civil nuclear and radiological safety. Until the UK's exit, the UK remains a full member of the EU and will meet its legal and treaty obligations, which includes the transposition of EU directives.
- 3.6 The detail of the policy principles that will underpin the new regulations can be found in the [public consultation](#).
- 3.7 The impact of the new regulations has been assessed in the Impact Assessment that accompanies the public consultation document.