
Environment Agency and Office for Nuclear Regulation information summary for the Allerdale GDF Working Group

This document summarises Environment Agency and Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) contact information for support to the Allerdale GDF Working Group. It also provides links to further information on our respective regulatory roles in the context of geological disposal. It is intended for internal Working Group use only.

Regulator support to Working Group and Community Partnership activities

The Environment Agency and ONR will support Working Groups and Community Partnerships, if requested to, but we will not be a formal member of either forum or be involved in their decision-making.

We could:

- attend meetings and events organised by the Working Group and Community Partnership at their invitation
- provide information to the Working Group, Community Partnership and wider community on our regulatory role and responsibilities to aid discussions about regulating geological disposal
- comment on matters concerning environmental protection, safety, security and transport of radioactive materials relevant to our regulatory role and responsibilities.

Working Group contacts

Please use generic email addresses on any communication material that will be issued outside of the Working Group.

Environment Agency

Email: nuclear@environment-agency.gov.uk

EA Regulatory contacts: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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ONR

ONR Regulatory contact: [REDACTED]

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ONR Enquiries: Email address: contact@onr.gov.uk

Any enquiries from members of the public should be directed to the contact ONR email address. All enquiries received will be acknowledged, logged and a response issued within 28 days or sooner.

Regulating a Geological Disposal Facility

A summary of the regulatory processes that ONR and the Environment Agency will apply to the development, operation and closure of a GDF in England is provided in [Regulating geological disposal: an overview](http://www.onr.org.uk/documents/2019/geological-disposal-overview.pdf) (<http://www.onr.org.uk/documents/2019/geological-disposal-overview.pdf>)

Further information on how both regulators will work together in the future regulation of a Geological Disposal Facility is available on the ONR website, please see [Regulating geological disposal - joint working between regulators](http://www.onr.org.uk/documents/2019/geological-disposal-joint-working.pdf) (<http://www.onr.org.uk/documents/2019/geological-disposal-joint-working.pdf>)

A short animation about the regulators' role in geological disposal is available on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/HY9gcwhCDB4>

EA and ONR publish an annual report on our scrutiny of RWM's work on geological disposal on [GOV.UK](http://gov.uk).

More about the Environment Agency

Further information on our role in the development and regulation of a geological disposal facility for radioactive waste is published on GOV.UK at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/regulating-the-geological-disposal-of-radioactive-waste-environmental-protection>

Further information on the Environment Agency is published on GOV.UK at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency/about>. This includes an overview of our regulation (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/regulating-for-people-the-environment-and-growth>) and details on public consultation during the permitting process (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-permits-when-and-how-we-consult>).

We regularly engage with the public, nuclear NGOs and stakeholders through consultations and at events and meetings we organise in their communities. We also engage at meetings organised by others such as public meetings, Site Stakeholder Groups, STEM events and BEIS' NGO forum. Our engagement plan for geological disposal is published on GOV.UK at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environment-agencys-engagement-plan-for-geological-disposal>

More about ONR's role

Information covering the following topics is available on our website, please see [ONR - Geological disposal](#)

- ONR's role in siting a Geological Disposal Facility
- Licensing and regulation of a Geological Disposal Facility
- Regulatory advice relating to geological disposal

General information on ONR's regulatory approach and the process for licensing of nuclear sites is also available on our website:

- [A guide to nuclear regulation in the UK](http://www.onr.org.uk/documents/a-guide-to-nuclear-regulation-in-the-uk.pdf) (www.onr.org.uk/documents/a-guide-to-nuclear-regulation-in-the-uk.pdf)
- [Licensing Nuclear Installations 2019](http://www.onr.org.uk/licensing-nuclear-installations.pdf) (www.onr.org.uk/licensing-nuclear-installations.pdf)

ONR has a well-established NGO Forum which meets twice yearly. The Forum has been established to promote debate and dialogue between ONR and NGOs who have a specific interest in nuclear/environmental matters. The Forum is co-chaired by Dr Jill Sutcliffe (NGO representative) and Adrienne Kelbie (ONR Chief Executive).

Should new groups wish to get involved, they should contact the ONR Communications team for further information (contact@onr.gov.uk). The ONR NGO Forum Terms of Reference are available on the ONR website along with minutes, agenda's and presentations from previous meetings, please see [ONR - Events](#)

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