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Sizewell A Site

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Dear Stakeholder,

I do hope you are keeping well in the challenging times we find ourselves in.

I am writing to give you an update on the progress of movements of waste packages into the Interim Storage Facility (ISF) at Bradwell Site from other Magnox sites.

In 2016, Essex County Council granted permission to allow packaged waste to be transferred from the Dungeness A and Sizewell A sites to Bradwell. These plans reflect the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority's national strategy to make best use of existing assets and avoid unnecessary construction and decommissioning activity. Magnox undertook public engagement with stakeholders on the proposals at the time of the application.

To date, nearly 90 intermediate level waste (ILW) packages, transported from Dungeness A Site in Kent, have been placed into the ISF, as part of Magnox's commitment to ensure wastes are stored safely and compliantly until a permanent geological disposal facility becomes available for England and Wales.

This number represents about a quarter of the capacity of the ISF, which also stores waste packages generated at Bradwell Site.

Magnox has several different waste streams, that all require slightly different treatments for processing and conditioning, to ensure the packages will be suitable for long-term storage. The treatment processes can be lengthy but safety is our number one priority and so it is important the upmost care is taken throughout.

In recognition of these complicated processes, and to enable Magnox to keep on delivering its mission, the company intends to apply for the removal of a four-year limit on the transfer of waste from Dungeness A and Sizewell A sites to Bradwell that was imposed by Essex County Council when permission was granted in 2016.

So far about half of the anticipated number of packages has been transferred to the store and, if granted, this amendment to the original planning permission will enable transfers to take place beyond the original restriction of March 2022.

A second restriction of December 2023 will remain in place, and the number and origin of packages permitted for transportation to Bradwell does not change.

The reasons behind our application include:

- A slower rate of packaging at Dungeness, due to factors associated with deploying new technology;
- A need to defer waste retrievals and processing at Sizewell so resources could be reallocated to other hazard reduction and decommissioning work;
- The need to pause operations at our sites during the UK coronavirus epidemic. It is presently unclear when normal operations at Dungeness A can resume.

We intend to apply to Essex County Council for this amendment in July 2020, but if you have any comments or questions please contact magnoxcommunications@magnoxsites.com

Yours sincerely



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