



Summary of the meeting held on 22 July 2005

ARPANSA – Yallambie Campus

OPENING OF MEETING AND ATTENDANCE

The purpose of the meeting was for each Working Group (WG) to report on the following matters with regard to their work on the Application for a Licence to Operate a New Research Reactor:

- progress to date;
- changes to the draft reports since last meeting;
- work still outstanding; and
- proposed actions.

All Members, with the exception of Professor Marcela Bilek, Dr Rob Lee and Dr Alan Roberts, attended.

CONFIRMATION OF THE EXTRACT OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 17 JUNE 2005

The draft minutes were confirmed with some amendments.

REPORT FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP

The draft report from the Radioactive Waste Management WG was considered to be well advanced. Members noted several issues requiring resolution before the final report could be prepared, including incorporation into the report of information in the announcement by the Minister for Education, Science and Training of 15 July 2005 (<http://www.dest.gov.au/Ministers/Media/Nelson/2005/07/n1157150705.asp>) that three Commonwealth sites in the Northern Territory had been identified as possible locations for a future Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Facility.

Following incorporation of comments made at this meeting, a draft was expected to be ready by Friday 5 August 2005 for final consideration by the Committee.

REPORT FROM CONDUCT OF OPERATIONS WORKING GROUP

The draft report from the Conduct of Operations WG was also at an advanced stage but some issues still required clarification. Conclusions and Recommendations were still to be included and Members highlighted items that could be incorporated into this Section. The report would be redrafted based on the discussion at the meeting and forwarded to Members for comment.

NSC REPORT TO CEO

The CEO advised that the public submission process was not due to finish until the end of August and that a public forum was planned for December. As there was value in the final report of the Committee being available well before the public forum, he requested the final version by the end of September 2005.

The draft reports would be incorporated into a consolidated draft following the meeting and the Committee would consider it as a whole document from that point on. A consolidated revised report would be forwarded to the full Committee for consideration by Friday 5 August 2005.

Members would then provide comment to the Secretariat by Friday 26 August 2005 with a view to producing a final version by Wednesday 31 August 2005.

CLOSURE AND NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the full Committee was scheduled for Friday 14 October 2005.