



## Minutes from CSIRO-ARPANSA Liaison Forum Meeting

22 August 2018

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### Acceptance of Previous Notes

Notes/Summary for the previous meeting held on 15 February 2018 were noted.

### Strategic Overview from ARPANSA

The main issues that ARPANSA have been involved in are:

1. Late June ARPANSA issued a direction for an independent review of ANSTO Health following four incidents, one of which resulted in serious harm to an employee.
2. At the last Radiation Health Committee meeting in July the Code for Disposal of Solid Radioactive Waste was approved. CSIRO was requested to provide comment and this Code will be published soon.
3. National Directory for Radiation Protection Second Edition was approved.
4. ARPANSA is finalising its initial advance reference material for the IRRS – due on 7 September. ARPANSA has placed a lot of resources into this and has received contributions from all regulatory bodies.
5. Stakeholders have been notified of the Licence Holder Forum on 20 September 2018. This event will be held in the Department of Agriculture in Canberra with the main topic on “risk assessment” which was precipitated by a recent licence holder safety event. ARPANSA will also discuss its proposed changes to annual licence charges.
6. ARPANSA conducted a site visit in May to Woomera to observe pre-characterisation activities and were pleased with progress in the developments and are looking forward to further updates.

### Strategic Overview from CSIRO

CSIRO advised that PWC had conducted an extensive internal review of CSIRO’s HSE functions and how it approaches safety. The core recommendations of the report have been accepted.

CSIRO advised that they will be implementing a risk based transition to their workforce and supporting structures.

### CSIRO Update on Chief Operating Officer (COO) and CSIRO Business Infrastructure Services (CBIS) Changes

CSIRO are currently recruiting a new Chief Operating Officer. CSIRO advised that radiation safety will continue to report to the COO particularly regarding the legacy issues. A new Director of Business Infrastructure Services has been appointed and is the current licence holder.

ARPANSA advised that CSIRO needed to sustain appropriate depth of expertise for radiation safety management, and CSIRO confirmed that this would be the case

ARPANSA also advised that CSIRO has a broad spectrum of sources in regard to ionizing and non-ionizing radiation and needed to ensure that someone is responsible for maintaining knowledge and ensuring the safety of each radiation source and that if there is a gap it would need to be resolved.

CSIRO acknowledged their regulatory responsibilities and assured ARPANSA representatives that it will consider Regulation 51 obligations in relation to staff changes.

### **CSIRO Update on Radiation Procedures**

There is a new procedure that has been finalised and is with staff for consultation.

### **CSIRO Update on Woomera Test Range Activities**

CSIRO confirmed that environmental monitoring results from the surrounding air and soil found no evidence of contamination at Woomera Test Range.

Radon monitoring equipment to assess levels within the holding area has been installed.

A field trip will be scheduled in November 2018 and in early 2019. An initial investigation of many of the outer drums has demonstrated that the contents are mainly below an exempt activity concentration level.

ARPANSA requested that the analysis be provided for review.

### **CSIRO Store Consolidation Project**

CSIRO are continuing to work on plans to consolidate their disused sources and radioactive material under one licence to strengthen their management.

CSIRO are in discussions with the Department of Environment and will keep ARPANSA updated.

### **ARPANSA Annual Licence Fee Changes**

ARPANSA advised that as of 1 July 2019 annual licence charges will be amended. ARPANSA has reassessed the costs associated with regulatory activity and charges will be changed accordingly.

ARPANSA advised they would organise a meeting to discuss the proposed changes to CSIRO and that letters will be sent to all licence holders advising of the charges. ARPANSA advised that it will prepare a Cost Recovery Impact Statement, if required.

### **ARPANSA Inspection Program 2018-19**

ARPANSA advised that there will be no inspections for CSIRO during July to September 2018. However, from September to December 2018 there will be two inspections. ARPANSA advised there will be an inspection of Woomera during quarter three of the financial year.

### **General business**

No further business.

The next CALF meeting date is to be advised.