



Summary from CSIRO-ARPANSA Liaison Forum (CALF) Meeting

15 February 2018

Strategic Overview from the CEOs of ARPANSA and CSIRO

- Terms of reference have been agreed by both CSIRO and ARPANSA for the CSIRO-ARPANSA Liaison Forum (CALF).
- The CEO of ARPANSA advised that a letter had been sent to major licence holders to review and update their radioactive waste inventories. A response has already been received from CSIRO.

ARPANSA Compliance Matters

Inspection approaches and lessons learned

- ARPANSA advised that inspectors would conduct a site visit to Woomera in May 2018.

Regulatory Expectations

CSIRO Improvement Notice

- Regarding an Improvement Notice issued to CSIRO by ARPANSA, a detailed report has now been received by ARPANSA and the item can now be closed.

Interim Waste store

- CSIRO advised it is investigating a suitable design for an interim waste storage facility (excluding the CSIRO waste at Woomera).
- ARPANSA stated that based upon the likely inventory, it is expected that a Prescribed Radiation Facility licence application will be required to be submitted to ARPANSA for review.

Radioactive Waste Inventory

- CSIRO advised that after reviewing their inventories some licences will require amendment to ensure items are placed on the relevant licence.

CSIRO Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Matters

Inventory reconciliation initiative

- ARPANSA thanked CSIRO for its effort in updating its inventory. ARPANSA indicated that other licence holders could benefit from this process and suggested representatives from CSIRO attend the Licence Holder Forum later this year and share their good practices.

Major Projects Update

Woomera

- Environmental monitoring of the site has been completed which confirmed that there has been no release of radioactivity to the environment.
- Approval will be sought by CSIRO for three preliminary activities:
 - Establishing air quality monitoring systems
 - Establishing a more detailed environmental base line; and
 - A technical survey to monitor the health and status of the waste drums to inform future characterisation activities.
- ARPANSA anticipates that a Regulation 51 application will be submitted by CSIRO.

General Business

- The CEO of ARPANSA advised that ARPANSA has produced a series of fact sheets and one could be developed for Woomera, with input from both ARPANSA and CSIRO.

The next CALF meeting will be held in August 2018. CSIRO will coordinate the next meeting.