

# Managing contaminated land on nuclear and defence sites – driving good practice

A SAFEGROUNDS Learning Network conference



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## Background

This first SAFEGROUNDS conference explores the opportunities to drive the implementation of good practice guidance, from different stakeholder perspectives. The focus of the event is on participation and transparency, which are key themes both for SAFEGROUNDS and the new Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA).

Stakeholder groups include non-government organisations, regulators, the nuclear industry and defence, community based organisations, local authorities, policy-makers and research organisations. Delegates will engage in discussion on the prospects for these organisations to shape and implement guidance whilst representing the best interests of individuals within UK society.

The conference will feature a keynote address, presentations and a facilitated debate to air views on issues of central importance to the successful operation of the Learning Network. Feedback will be gathered throughout the day, to be applied in the future development of SAFEGROUNDS guidance.



## Who should attend?

Participation is actively sought from a wide range of stakeholders to enable the sharing of different perspectives:

- nuclear industry
- non-Governmental organisations
- consultants
- MoD and defence estates
- regulators
- community-based organisations
- contractors
- trade unions
- technology and service vendors
- local authorities
- campaign groups
- independent academics, researchers and analysts
- government, including policy-makers, and NDA.

## Why you should attend?

You should attend if you want to:

- learn more about the process and content of the SAFEGROUNDS Learning Network and the development and implementation of stakeholder-developed good practice guidance
- gain insight into the changing policy context and where the challenges will lie for future regulatory control
- learn more about the NDA and the implications of its commitment to engagement and transparency
- understand how suppliers plan to demonstrate the adoption of good practice in land management when competing for future contracts
- explore practical experience of contaminated land management and consider the issues in determining how far a contaminated site can and should be remediated
- receive an introduction to the concept of "site endpoints" and participate in discussions on a new research project in this topical area
- visit a range of stakeholder stands, and technology and services exhibitors.

The SAFEGROUNDS Learning Network is a forum for developing and disseminating good practice guidance for the management of radioactive-ly and chemically contaminated land on nuclear and defence sites. The network has grown out of participatory research methods developed over the past five years. Participants come from a wide variety of perspectives and many have supported the project since its inception. The guidance being produced by SAFEGROUNDS is relevant to the UK's 20 nuclear sites and the 240 000 hectares of land under MoD ownership. Details of how to become a network member are available on the SAFEGROUNDS website at: [www.safegrounds.com](http://www.safegrounds.com)

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## Programme

- 09.15** Registration, refreshments and exhibition  
**09.45** Chairman's introduction  
**Mark Hannan**, *NDA Team, DTI*
- 09.55 - 10.15** Keynote speech: Participation in the new era  
**David Hayes**, *Director, NDA Team, DTI*
- 10.15 - 10.45** Who are the stakeholders and why do they matter?  
**Richard Bramhall**,  
*Low Level Radiation Campaign*  
**Peter Booth**,  
*Nuclear Science & Technology Services*
- 10.45 - 11.15** What are the special features of the SAFE GROUND approach to land management?  
**Jeff Kersey**,  
*CIRIA/ SAFEGROUNDS Project Manager*  
**Marion Hill**,  
*Independent consultant/ SAFEGROUNDS Guidance author*
- 11.15 - 11.40** Morning coffee and exhibition
- 11.40 - 12.40** Debate  
Motion: Engagement processes have already proved their worth in achieving stakeholder "buy-in" into industry guidance  
Facilitator: **Carl Reynolds**,  
Carl Reynolds Associates  
*For:* **Colin Taylor**, *British Energy*  
*Against:* **Paul Dorfman**,  
*University of the West of England*
- 12.40 - 13.40** Lunch and exhibition



- 13.40 - 14.00** What are the implications of the NDA's commitment to participation and transparency to the adoption of good practice?  
**Dr Ian Roxburgh**, *Chief Executive, NDA*
- 14.00 - 14.20** What is the role of consensus based good practice guidance in meeting the future challenges for regulatory control?  
**Dr Janet Wilson**, *Nuclear Installations Inspectorate*
- 14.20 - 14.45** To what extent will suppliers need to demonstrate the adoption of good practice in land management when competing for future contracts?  
**Dr Andy Thomas**,  
*Future Solutions/ SAFEGROUNDS Chairman*  
**Norman Buckley**,  
*Nuclear Industry Association*
- 14.45 - 15.10** Afternoon tea and exhibition
- 15.10 - 16.10** Discussion sessions  
**Discussion 1:** Clean up at Mill Hill and AWE Cardiff - what evidence do these examples provide of growing good practice?  
**Mark Hill**, *Defence Estates*  
**Patrick Higgins**, *Enviros Consulting*  
**Phil Sinclair**, *Entec UK*
- Discussion 2:** The capacity to participate - what should we learn from the theory and experience of stakeholder engagement?  
**David Collier**, *Faulkland Associates*  
**Paul McClelland**, *UK Atomic Energy Authority*  
**Hugh Richards**, *Welsh Anti Nuclear Alliance*
- Discussion 3:** The challenge of defining a "site endpoint": why is it needed, what is its scope, how do we define it?"  
**James Penfold**, *Quintessa*  
**Graham Smith**, *Enviros Consulting*  
**Alan Hinchcliffe**, *MOD*
- 16.10 - 16.40** Plenary session  
Delegates share the key points arising from their discussion groups, followed by a short discussion and questions and answers session.
- 16.40 - 16.50** Chairman's summary
- 16.50 - 17.30** Drinks reception
- 17.30** Close

