

Health and Safety Executive Board			HSE/12/M05
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Minutes of HSE Board Meeting – 16th May 2012 Redgrave Court, Bootle			

Attending

Judith Hackitt – Chair	Richard Taylor	Hugh Robertson	David Gartside
Nick Baldwin	Liz Snape	Frances Outram	Robin Dahlberg
Isobel Garner	Paul Kenny	Geoffrey Podger	

Also attending

Sue Johns, Rukhsana Dumbrell, Kevin Myers, Steve Dennis, Peter McNaught, Gaynor Coldrick, Jane Willis, Les Philpott, David Ashton, Sarah Dean-Kelly, Peter Loosley, Clive Fleming, Laurence Monaghan, David Sowerby, Bernadette Cadman, Ron Griffiths, Karen Clayton (item 10); Gill Smith (item 10)

Minutes Rukhsana Dumbrell

Open Session	
7	Welcome & Introductions
7.1	Minutes: a) The minutes from the March Board meeting were accepted with no comments.
7.2	Matters arising: b) There were no matters arising.
8	Chief Executive’s Report
8.1	Geoffrey Podger presented the CEO’s report. He drew the Board’s attention to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Elgin gas leak had been capped. b) FOD colleagues were congratulated on meeting the target for proactive inspections given clear pressures. In discussion the Board requested an update on EU proposals for offshore regulation: It was noted that EU off-shore regulations negotiations had concluded under the current EU presidency. There is a very strong preference being expressed by all stakeholders for a directive rather than regulation. It was now a matter of waiting to see how Parliament and Commission will respond.
9	Chair of the Office of Nuclear Regulation Report to the HSE Board
9.1	Nick Baldwin presented his report. He drew the Board’s attention to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) It was announced in the Queen’s Speech that establishing ONR as a statutory corporation would be part of the Energy Bill. The draft Bill would be published

	<p>at the end of May 2012. Pre-legislative scrutiny would take place by summer recess. It was anticipated that the final Bill would proceed to the House in the autumn.</p> <p>b) The GDA process was proceeding and would be completed by the end of this financial year.</p> <p>c) The ONR Annual Plan would not take the same format next year. ONR was revisiting all its financial management processes in order to prepare for a shadow run to aid it towards operating as a separate statutory corporation.</p> <p>In discussions the following comments were made:</p> <p>d) A formal enforcement case contained in the report to the ONR Board, where an enforcement notice had been served but not met, had not been included in the report to the HSE Board. The ONR Board was expecting a full report on the matter shortly and would report back to the HSE Board in due course.</p> <p>e) The Board noted that Fukushima had placed additional pressure on ONR resources but that a wider review of ways of working had uncovered some organisational and cultural issues. The introduction of programme management had also placed new pressures on the inspection workforce.</p>
Action 4:	ONR to issue an update note to the Board on the formal enforcement action case.
10	HSE action on occupational cancer and proposals for future policy
10.1	<p>Karen Clayton presented the paper and took the Board through a powerpoint presentation setting out proposals for HSE's future approach to occupational cancer.</p> <p>In discussions the following comments were made:</p> <p>a) The Board found the presentation useful because it helped to clarify some of the questions that the paper had raised. However, the Board felt unable to give more direction at the present time about where future resource and effort should be focused because they felt there was insufficient data presented to understand the current level of commitment.</p> <p>b) The Board requested a further paper setting out what activities were being undertaken in each priority area, focusing on future risks and including an estimate of the resources that were deployed. They also asked for information on how priorities had been determined and any courses of action that were felt to be non cost effective or outside of HSE's role.</p> <p>c) The Board confirmed that their view had not changed from the discussion in December 2011, following Dr Lesley Rushton's presentation, that increased compliance was key.</p> <p>d) The Board highlighted long latency as a major issue of concern and the importance of understanding the most effective forms of intervention and which areas were likely to have the most impact</p> <p>The Board noted the need for strong sector strategies to improve awareness to the specific dangers of that particular industry. The Board suggested that there was work in Europe that HSE could draw upon.</p>
Action 5:	Present a supplementary paper to the August Board.
11	Future Agendas
11.1	<p>June Meeting Agenda:</p> <p>a) No comments were made on the draft June Agenda</p>

11.2	Forward Look: b) The Board requested a review of the items for discussion at future Board meeting. Suggested agenda items included: the HSE Business Plan; Governance issues; HR and Staff Survey; AALA; developments on the LA Code; FOD change programme; sector strategies; major hazards.
Action 6:	Update the Board Forward Look and submit proposal to the Chair before the next meeting.
12	Any Other Business
12.1	No other business was discussed.