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ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHEMICAL PLANT RESEARCH

Paper by BNFL/HSE

Introduction

1. NuSAC SCR were informed at the last meeting in paper NuSAC/SCR/03/13 about the new arrangements for making BNFL chemical plant research transparent to HSE. This paper outlines the progress made and proposes arrangements for reporting to NuSAC SCR.
2. Currently the first set of strategies has been prepared by HSE, and the first set of research schedules has been prepared by BNFL and agreed with HSE.

Guidance notes

3. A comprehensive set of joint BNFL/HSE Guidance Notes has been prepared, modelled on the reactor arrangements. The list is given in the appendix.

Reporting to NuSAC SCR

4. It is proposed that papers on the HSE research strategies and on the BNFL research schedules will be presented annually to the autumn meeting, and an annual evaluation will be presented to the spring meeting. An additional paper describing the scope, structure and implementation of these new arrangements will be presented in autumn 2004, including potential implications of NDA.

Action

5. NuSAC SCR are invited to note and comment on the information presented in this paper.

Appendix

List of agreed joint BNFL/HSE Guidance notes

NSR GN No	Title
1	Overview of arrangements
2	Technical area research strategies
3	Meetings
4	Roles and Responsibilities
5	Preparation of Research Schedules
6	Assessment of Research Schedules
7	Timetable
8	Conduct of Technical Exchanges
9	Resolution of Disputes
10	Strategy Update and Issue Resolution