

NUCLEAR SAFETY DIRECTORATE - BUSINESS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM		
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1. Ownership, purpose and scope

- 1.1 Research is a Key Business Activity of NSD. It is owned by the unit head of NSD 4A, who has the responsibility for authorising KBA documents.
- 1.2 The purpose of research is given in the NSD Strategic Plan as the activity of identifying, commissioning and promulgating the results of research into nuclear safety issues so that licensees and NII have the scientific and engineering knowledge to make judgements about the adequacy of safety measures.
- 1.3 The scope of this key business activity includes:
 - the HSC Co-ordinated programme of Nuclear Safety Research
 - the Nuclear Safety Studies programme.
 - the relationship of the nuclear safety research programme with the HSE mainstream science programme
- 1.4 The BMS research documents describe how research and support work are commissioned and managed. They also describe the arrangements with the licensees.

2. Policy

- 2.1 The general policy for research is set out in the DTI Guidelines for the HSC Coordinated programme of research, which are given in appendix 1 of RES/001.

3. Responsibilities

- 3.1 Head of Directorate is answerable to the Executive and the HSC for a balanced and adequate programme which meets all the objectives.
- 3.2 Head of Unit 4A is responsible for directing the programme, (in co-ordination with the reactor licensees), to an agreed scope and budget, for liaison with the licensees and for developing an overall strategy.