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Contact with:

██████████, Senior Emergency Planning Officer West Berkshire Council

ONR Staff:

██████████ Principal Inspector Nuclear Safety, Emergency Preparedness & Response

Summary/Key Points

1. This meeting was arranged to discuss recent correspondence relating to West Berkshire Council's REPPiR Off-site Emergency Plan (OSEP) for the AWE sites.
2. ONR wrote to the Council on 29th November 2023 (2023/61771) regarding improvements to the OSEP. This was in the context of the recent ALDEX Level 2 exercise and current pressures for development and expansion of the population around the AWE sites.
3. The letter states that "In ONR's opinion, the ALDEX exercises have highlighted that key areas for improvement relate to the management of people displaced by the response to the radiation emergency, either by urgent evacuation or subsequent relocation after the period of sheltering (the protective action during the early phase of an emergency). This relates to the movement of people and the provision of monitoring and personal decontamination, in addition to welfare support."
4. The letter requested that the Council set out the proposed actions that it will undertake to implement improvements to the OSEP to address any capacity or capability-related concerns. The Council's response dated 6th February can be found in 2024/10148. This states that the OSEP is in the process of being re-written and confirms that the scope of this work includes areas identified by ONR for improvement. The Council letter confirms that work is already underway.
5. The Council will be holding a workshop on the 30th May. This will provide an opportunity for the Council's Off-site Planning Group to review progress with the new plan. ONR will be attending the workshop.
6. Our letter states the intention to carry out interventions with the Council to allow ONR to gain confidence that necessary OSEP improvements have been correctly identified and scoped, are being managed and progressed, and that these will deliver the reasonably practicable improvements to the OSEP required to satisfactorily address and mitigate current concerns.
7. In the meeting I provided initial thoughts on the potential scope for an intervention in relation to requirements and arrangements for evacuation/relocation & radiation monitoring units. I stated that the objective would be to understand the requirements for these in the new plan, understand limitations in current capability to deliver these and where necessary explore what reasonably practicable improvements could be made. The Council has stated (2024/10148) that this would be an opportunity for them to raise areas of concern which they may not be able to address if outside the scope of the Council to resolve.

8. We discussed the timing for this intervention. The Senior Emergency Planning Officer will be on paternity leave during April and May and the updated plan is to be discussed at the end of May. Given these circumstances, it was agreed that it would be sensible to await outcome from the workshop (the proposed new OSEP) and plan for any intervention to take place after this point. The workshop will however provide ONR with a suitable opportunity to gauge progress and better understand the extent to which there remains any issues with capacity or capability.

1. Issues

1.1. Issues Raised

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