

Senior Nuclear Strategic Advisor

Secondment Opportunity

Location: London and Warrington

Do you want to shape UK energy policy? Do you have the ability to join up work to deliver strategic outcomes?

This role in the Nuclear Innovation and Research Office (NIRO) is an unrivalled opportunity to shape the safe, efficient future of nuclear in the UK. It offers candidates an important career development opportunity which will involve engaging directly with a wide range of senior stakeholders from Government, industry, academia and national laboratories. It will provide the opportunity to address a wide range of technical issues spanning the whole of the nuclear industry and to make a direct personal contribution to shaping the future of nuclear in the UK.

NIRO is a new advice service for the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), operated by the National Nuclear Laboratory (NNL) on an independent, arms-length basis. NIRO's role is to act as the central point of contact for Government access to independent strategic technical advice on nuclear policies, projects and programmes. It will take a broad outlook and coordinate views from across the nuclear landscape to support Government's objectives on nuclear issues. We do this through building strong relationships with Government, industry and academia and may represent the interests of Government nationally and internationally, as required. NIRO is made up of NNL and industry secondees who have the knowledge and experience to achieve this aim.

The NIRO office is based in Warrington but the team regularly spends time working from the BEIS offices in Whitehall. There will be some opportunities for travel – in the UK and occasionally overseas.

As Senior Nuclear Strategic Advisor, you'll support the development and management of a function providing high quality independent objective advice to Government on the implications of policy change and the scope and content of potential Government interventions. You will develop and maintain strong and effective relationships with Government officials, and contribute to the development of business justification for the interventions relating to the development of UK nuclear capability. To succeed, you will need the gravitas and credibility to develop and nurture a trusting relationship with key Government officials, supporting them and your colleagues in interpreting and prioritising Government Nuclear Energy Programme recommendations. You'll provide high quality independent and objective support to Government in justifying the action necessary to support policy objectives (including, where appropriate supporting the preparation of business cases for investment). With an up-to-date understanding of domestic and international nuclear Landscape, you'll provide insights – including deliverability and challenges – for Government to progress key initiatives. You should have experience of working constructively and effectively with Government and policy makers, and the ability to engage and work with customers at a senior level. Excellent communication skills are important, as is the ability to tailor messages to a variety of audiences.

Duties will include:

- Representing NIRO at a variety of meetings and events;
- Providing strategic advice on nuclear energy challenges with respect to the future long term energy mix;
- Presenting and preparing papers, briefings and analyses on strategic issues across the nuclear sector for government officials;
- Assessing the outputs from the BEIS Nuclear Innovation Programme or facilitating their assessment to determine the impact on the future scope of the programme;
- Preparing elements of government business cases to support BEIS programmes including the Nuclear Innovation Programme;
- Providing leadership and the associated coordination between various elements of publicly funded nuclear research and innovation programmes;
- Providing secretariat support to the Nuclear Innovation and Research Advisory Board (NIRAB), facilitating NIRAB meetings and specialist sub-groups to compile advice on nuclear research and innovation issues.

We are an inclusive team, and want to hear from people of all backgrounds – different perspectives on such important work can only make us stronger. We are committed to making NIRO an inclusive place to work and to providing services which embrace diversity and which promote equality of opportunity. It is also committed to equality and valuing diversity. Its goal is to ensure that these commitments, reinforced by its values, are embedded in its day-to-day working practices with all its customers, colleagues and partners.

We work flexibly, and would welcome part-time and job-share applications.

If you would like to apply for this role should please submit a covering letter and a copy of your CV to Clare.Kearney@niro.org.uk.

For further information or to discuss the opportunity please also email Fiona Rayment (Fiona.e.Rayment@niro.org.uk) or Gordon Bryan (Gordon.d.Bryan@niro.org.uk).

The closing date for this opportunity is **Friday 10th November 2017**.