

NIRAB Meeting

Tuesday 10th December 2024, 12.00-13.00.

Virtually on MS Teams

Attendees

NIRAB Members: Francis Livens (Chair), Gordon Bryan, John Stairmand, Allyson Armet, Edoardo Patelli, Kirsty Armer, Maggie Brown, Gregg Butler, Alun Ellis, Kirsty Gogan, Mike Lewis

DESNZ: Ian Johnson

NIRO: Liv Thompson, Adeola Warner, Gary Bolton

Visitors: Joe Williams (UKRI)

Minutes

- Introduction and Welcome: DESNZ thanks the board for their hard work and time and thanks NIRO for supporting NIRAB.
- Update from NIRO
 - Gary Bolton goes over the GIF framework agreement. Negotiations on continuing GIF without Russia finalised in September.
 - UK signed up to the following GIF programmes: Sodium Cooled Fast Reactor and UHTR Steering Committee.
 - GIF currently under US leadership with Fiona Raymond appointed as Negotiations Officer and Paul Nevitt as Vice President.
 - NIRO is developing a new site for both NIRO and NIRAB.
- Update from DESNZ
 - DESNZ has nothing further to report to NIRAB as forward steps are still being finalised with the incoming Government.
- Update from ONR
 - ONR continuing engagement with NNL on the AMR programme, with Phase B due to be completed by end of 2025.
 - Engagement with IAEA SMR Regulators to be continued.
 - ONR is engaging with TerraPower and will begin to engage with X-energy in the coming weeks.
- NIRAB continued engagement with stakeholders
 - First HTGR stakeholder engagement session scheduled for 15th January with regulators.
 - Many government officials have already been briefed but these sessions can continue with any new DESNZ staff.
 - Francis, Dan and Liv had a meeting with Lord Hunt, where they discussed NIRO, NIRAB and the HTGR report.



- NIRAB III Summary Report
 - NIRAB Summary Report has now been drafted and circulated around the board for comment. Summary report due to be published in early January 2025.
- Close of NIRAB III
 - Francis thanks the board for investing their time into NIRAB and the work they produced.

This meeting marked the end of NIRAB III's term of office.

