

## **Intro to Waste Management & Decommissioning**

### **Paul Skelton**

**Radioactive Waste Management (RWM)  
Head of Disposability Assessment**

Paul Skelton has worked in the nuclear industry since 2002. A Fellow of the Institute of Physics he joined Radioactive Waste Management in 2015 to lead a newly formed Cumbria based team working with Sellafield and the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority in the assessment of waste management proposals arising from the operations at Sellafield and within the UK Civil Spent Fuel and Nuclear Materials Programme.



From July 2017 until March 2018 Paul was the Acting Waste Management Director for RWM, the responsibilities of which included the delivery of disposability advice across the UK nuclear industry, the provision of support to the Nuclear Decommissioning Authorities Higher Activity Waste and Integrated Waste Management Programmes and ensuring that waste packaged from across the UK will meet the requirements of the future Deep Geological Disposal Facility. Prior to joining RWM Paul spent 13 years at Sellafield delivering a number of technical and operational roles within the Sellafield high hazard remediation area.



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### **Howard Carpenter**

*Sellafield Ltd*

Howard Carpenter is a Chartered Chemical Engineer and has a background in Intermediate and Higher Level Waste Operations at Sellafield with extensive roles across these areas including Operations Management, Safety Case, Operations Support, Project Delivery, Design and New Build. For the past 4 years Howard has undertaken roles for the Encapsulation Plants and then for Remediation of developing waste capability to support high hazard and site decommissioning.



Howard successfully led re-purposing of the existing Encapsulation plants with significant strategic benefit delivered through acceleration of export and reduction in new build scope. Over the last 12 months Howard's focus has been on developing the forward strategy to support Sellafield Site decommissioning as well as continuing with opportunity development to enable and simplify Sellafield waste management.



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### **Dorothy Gradden OBE**

**Head of Programme Delivery Legacy Ponds - Sellafield Ltd**

Dorothy displays exceptional talent in overcoming challenges, which has always set her apart from the crowd. From the early days of her career, as one of two women on a 200 strong engineering course at Manchester University, her energy and enthusiasm coupled with resolute determination has seen her rise to lead the First Generation Magnox Storage Pond and Pile Fuel Storage Pond programmes, high-hazard 'Legacy Ponds' at Sellafield and nationally important nuclear clean-up projects. She has worked in the nuclear industry for over 30 years. After graduating in 1983, the first half of Dorothy's career was in building nuclear reactors for the National Nuclear Corporation. She has worked on all of the UK reactor designs to date at nuclear sites across the UK in a variety of roles including design, commercial and project/programme management.



Joining Sellafield in 1999, Dorothy's role is one of huge national importance and she is a highly successful, great team leader who is resilient, focused and not afraid of a challenge. As someone who joined the industry at a time when female engineers were rare, Dorothy actively promotes engineering education and career pathways for women and is the former Chair of North West Women in Engineering. In 2017 she was recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours list, being awarded an OBE for services to the nuclear industry.

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### **Dennis Thompson**

*Low Level Waste Repository (LLWR)  
Managing Director*

Dennis has over 25 years' experience in the Nuclear Industry with a predominant focus on Nuclear Operations and Waste Management. In addition to Operations Management, Dennis has moved into a variety of key management positions covering a range of disciplines including Training, Procedures, Quality Assurance, and Project Management.



In 2007, Dennis moved to the UK to take up a key role at the LLWR as a part of the AECOM led consortium (UKNWM), responsible for operating the Repository and establishing a National Programme for Low Level Waste. Then in 2012 he was asked to extend his UK assignment by assuming the Managing Director role. In this capacity, Dennis chairs the SLC Board and holds a Director role with UKNWM Ltd.



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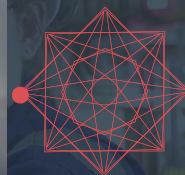


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### *Alan Mowat*

*Dounreay Site Restoration Ltd  
Waste Optimisation Manager*

Alan has 33 years' experience in nuclear waste management. His career path has included development work, through to Higher Activity Waste management and strategy development. Recently appointed as Waste Optimisation manager at Dounreay Site Restoration Ltd, his new role involves implementing a Waste Informed Decommissioning approach on the Dounreay Site to drive improvements to the Site delivery.



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### **Brian Hough**

*Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA)  
Socio Economic & Stakeholder Manager*

Brian has over 40 years' experience of working in the public sector, both in central and local government. Concentrating on community & stakeholder engagement, communications planning & delivery, and community investment projects, he has also had involvement with many further and higher education projects and issues.



Brian joined the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority shortly after its creation in 2005 as their communications and stakeholder manager for Cumbria, working liaising closely with local community representatives, a heavy in community investment projects and liaising with colleagues across the nuclear sector, Government, Local Authorities, Sellafield and the Low Level Waste Repository. area



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### **Simon Candy**

*Head of Technical, Remediation*

Simon is currently Head of Technical for Remediation at Sellafield, where he has the responsibility for setting out the strategy, the plans and developing new capabilities for future decommissioning and waste management. He has worked in the nuclear industry for 25 years, with most of that experience being at Sellafield after graduating as a Chemical Engineer.



He has held a variety of roles, starting his career in commissioning before moving to operations and then projects. Simon then broadened his experience through a secondment into business development. Since 2003, Simon has worked in the technical and engineering fields covering both delivery and functional roles such as setting up the first Sellafield wide technical management system and most recently helping to drive a step change in simplifying the engineering solutions for high risk and hazard reduction. Simon is a Fellow of the IChemE.



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**Rebecca Ferris**

*EDF Energy*

*Waste and Decommissioning R&D Programme Manager*

Becky has worked in the field of radioactive waste management since joining the nuclear industry in 2000 with a degree in chemical engineering. She has worked at Dounreay, Harwell and Sellafield providing technical direction to a range of decommissioning waste management challenges.



In 2013, Becky joined EDF Energy where she drove delivery of EDF Energy's first Letter of Compliance before taking on a leadership role setting the standards and expectations for radioactive waste across the EDF Energy fleet of 15 operating reactors. She is currently the Waste and Decommissioning R&D Programme Manager; as part of this role Becky enjoys co-chairing the Nuclear Waste and Decommissioning Research Forum and being the EDF Energy representative on the NDA Research Board.



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