

# **National Policy Statement** **Consultation Programme**

The Department of Energy and Climate Change draft Nuclear National Policy Statement (NPS) consultation will be closing in just over six weeks, on **22nd February 2010**. This consultation offers the opportunity to make your views heard on the NPSs that will guide the Infrastructure Planning Commission's planning decisions on energy infrastructure. These include one overarching energy NPS and one for each of the technologies: fossil fuels, renewables, transmission networks, oil and gas pipelines, and nuclear. The draft Nuclear NPS sets out why new nuclear power is needed, and that the Government is satisfied that effective arrangements will exist to manage and dispose of the waste that will be produced by new nuclear power stations. It also lists sites that the Government has judged to be potentially suitable for new nuclear deployment by 2025. These sites are Bradwell, Braystones, Hartlepool, Heysham, Hinkley Point, Kirksanton, Oldbury, Sellafield, Sizewell and Wylfa. The quality of those decisions will be higher if the NPSs are thoroughly scrutinised.

We urge you to take part in this consultation and submit your responses to the consultation questions online at

<https://www.energynpsconsultation.decc.gov.uk>.

To support the Nuclear NPS consultation we have been running a series of exhibitions and public discussions at areas near to the listed sites. We are also conducting 3 national exhibitions addressing all the energy National Policy Statements. The remaining dates are listed below.

<b>Local Site Event</b>	<b>Date of local event</b>
Wylfa	7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2010
Braystones and Sellafield	11 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2010
Kirksanton	21 <sup>st</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2010
Hartlepool	26 <sup>th</sup> January 2010 (Public meeting only)
Hinkley Point	27 <sup>th</sup> January 2010 (Public meeting only)
Oldbury	4 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2010
<b>National Event</b>	<b>Date of national event</b>
Cardiff	20 <sup>th</sup> January 2010
Exeter	21 <sup>st</sup> January 2010
Manchester	26 <sup>th</sup> January 2010

In addition, as part of the consultation on the Secretary of State's proposed decisions on whether two new nuclear stations designs, Westinghouse's AP1000 and AREVA's EPR, are Justified under the Justification of Practices Involving Ionising Radiation Regulations 2004 the Department of Energy and Climate Change is holding a public engagement event on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January at the Marble Arch Marriott Hotel. The consultation was launched on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009 and closes on 22<sup>nd</sup> February this year. Such an event will provide a further opportunity for people to comment on the Regulatory Justification process and the proposed Regulatory Justification decisions. It will also help people to formulate their responses to this consultation and bring relevant issues to the attention of the Secretary of State.

For more information on the exhibitions, including venue information, and to register to attend the public discussion, you should visit [www.nuclear-nps-events.info](http://www.nuclear-nps-events.info) or call 0845 0048841.

Transcriptions of the public discussions that were held in 2009 as part of this programme can be found online at <https://www.energy-nps-consultation.decc.gov.uk/home/events/localevents/>

For more information on the draft Nuclear NPS and its associated consultation programme please visit:  
[www.energynpsconsultation.decc.gov.uk](http://www.energynpsconsultation.decc.gov.uk).