
PRESS RELEASE

United Kingdom: NDA extends Sellafield site management contract for another five years

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The NDA (Nuclear Decommissioning Authority) announced today the extension of the contract for the management and operation of the Sellafield site by Nuclear Management Partners (NMP) for another five years. This joint venture combines the expertise of URS, AMEC, and AREVA.

NMP, through Sellafield Ltd., manages and operates the site on behalf of the NDA since 2008. This scope includes reprocessing and waste storage facilities, the former nuclear power stations Calder Hall and Windscale (Cumbria), as well as the engineering design centre at Risley (Cheshire).

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With a workforce of 10,000 people, Sellafield is the largest nuclear site in the United Kingdom and one of the world's most complex nuclear sites. Over the past five years, NMP and Sellafield Ltd. have gained a better understanding of this challenging project, while achieving important objectives and efficiencies. Some of operational milestones include the retrieval of spent fuel from a legacy storage pond and the first returns of High Active Waste to their country of origin. The site also achieved its best ever industrial safety performance in 2012.

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