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- 9.30 Introductions / networking / refreshments
- 10.00 Welcome and introductions
- 10.15 Site update
- 10.30 Development update
- 11.00 Infrastructure investment update
- 11.15 Emergency planning update
- 11.45 Environment update

- 12.05 Lunch
- 13.00 Regulators' update
- 13.45 SHEQ update
- 14.05 Any other business
- 14.20 Education Collection 75 years
- 15.30 Close

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# Chair's Opening Remarks

Ian Rogers Chief Nuclear Officer and Executive Director Assurance - AWE

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## AWE Estates and Liabilities Site Update

Head of Asset Operations Management AWE

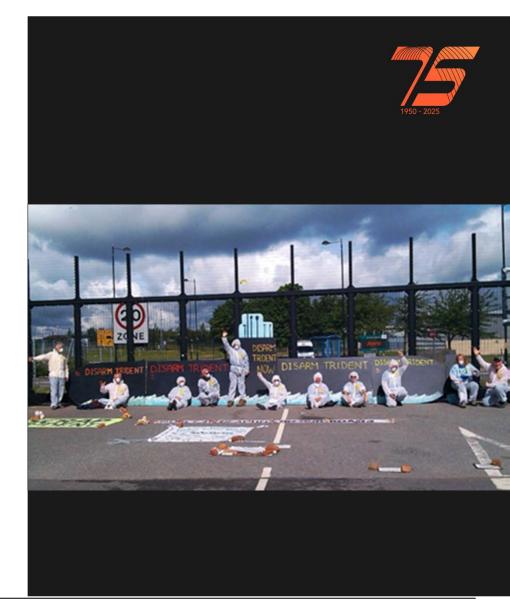


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## **Protestor Activity**

- Regular monthly 'Women's Peace Camp' second weekend of each month (one per month)
- No other upcoming planned/known "Protest" activity



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# **Community Concerns**





Note: some calls are sensitive or personal and covered by GDPR hence not detailed here.

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### **Community Concerns**

A person called to express their concerns over the behaviour of an individual who they suspected works at AWE.

Concern was security related and therefore was passed to Security for further investigation. Closed as being an AWE concern. A member of the public called with concerns over the site alarms being sounded and wanted reassurance that all was well. The sounding of the alarms was due to planned testing and were preceded with an announcement to say they were tests.

In addition, prior comms had been sent to local residents before the day advising of the planned tests. Closed as an AWE concern.



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An email was received in the Community and Schools Mailbox to query an alarm sounding the previous afternoon. This was investigated and confirmed that there were no incidents on the site at that time. It was likely to be alarm testing or a process alarm. Information fed back to the Local Parish Councillors that reported the issue.

A Community Concern form was created as a record and has been closed as an AWE concern.

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## **Updates - decommissioning**

We marked a significant milestone for the Old Waste Management Group as they dispatched the final tank consignment of the year. This consignment consisted of two bulk and one delay tank. Over the course of the year, a total of eight tanks have been consigned for treatment and recycling prior to being released to clean metals market.

Since 2021, an impressive 69.2 tonnes of steel have been consigned for processing. That is enough steel to support the production of 52 Mini Coopers!

This ongoing effort highlights AWE's commitment to sustainable waste management and recycling practices.







## **Continuation update of Decommissioning Glovebox**

- Work had begun on the second glovebox to be decommissioned at the last Local Liaison Committee meeting.
- Second glovebox in XXX size reduced to base plate level.
- Plant and equipment freed from baseplate, left on baseplate awaiting disposal.



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# **Updates – AXX.X demolition**

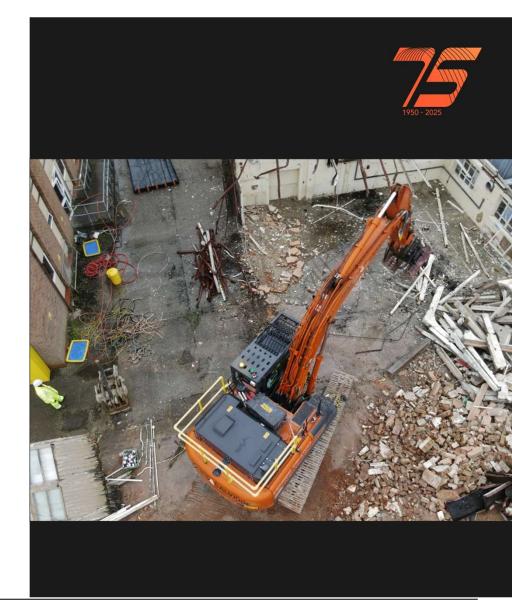
- Work has commenced on demolition work package 2 within the NSPA.
- This involves the demolition of five co-located facilities to make way for future development.
- AXX.X is the first of the five buildings to be demolished, with the four surrounding facilities scheduled for demolition in the coming weeks.



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# **Updates - demolition**

- The demolition of AXX.X and AXX.X is in progress.
- The demolition of both AXX and AXX in the NSPA began in August 2024, which was preceded by a period of service isolations and surveys.
- Across the two buildings, a total of 27 tonnes of asbestos has been removed, and nearly 4 tonnes of mixed metal was recycled.



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# Phase 1 of the AX Legacy Waste Disposal Complete

- The demolition of AXX.X and AXX.X is in progress.
- An integrated collection of teams across site worked together to make phase one a success.
- Nuclear Waste Services, AWE's radioactive waste framework contractor, provided the technical solutions, strapping plans, bespoke transport and disposal.
- Our local supply chain, J Stacey and Sons, also worked to provide on-site enabling, including on site transport and lifting operations
- This is essential work to reduce our legacy waste liabilities under Licence Condition 32.





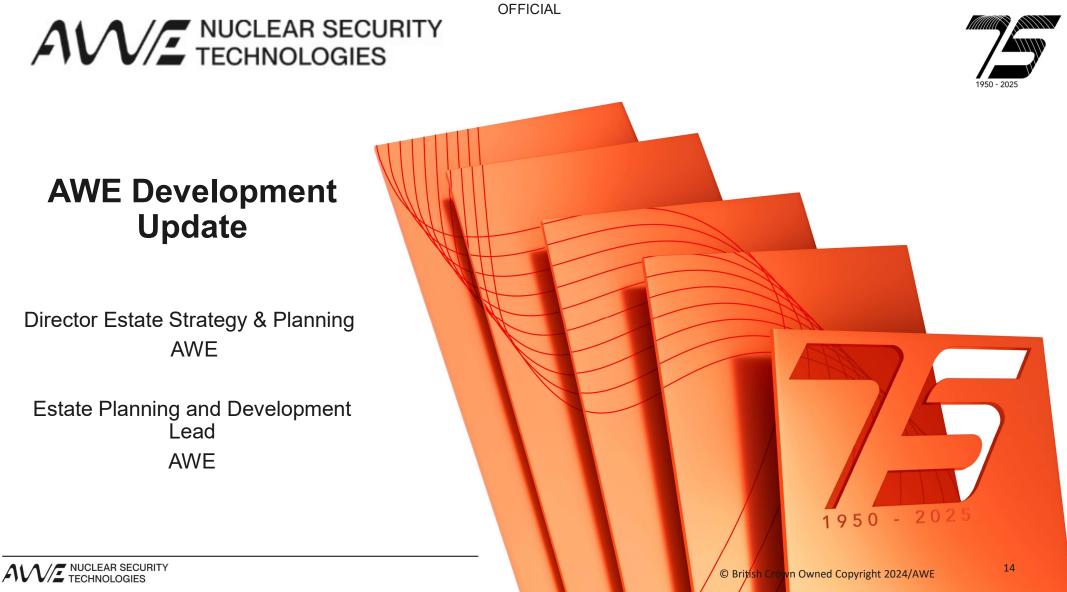
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# **On-going Activities**

#### Shuttle Bus Service

- From the 31st of March 2025, Stewarts Coaches will be running a shuttle bus service connecting Aldermaston Site with Aldermaston Train Station. This will initially be a 6 month pilot service to gauge demand.
- Allowing staff to travel by train to AWE, this service is supporting efforts to reduce pressure on gates and car parks, as well as supporting AWE's travel plan objectives to reduce single occupancy vehicles and promote public transport.



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# **External Planning Update**

Planning and Infrastructure Bill – published and started passage through the House of Commons

Growth and Acceleration (with detail to be provided in secondary legislation)

Implications for AWE:

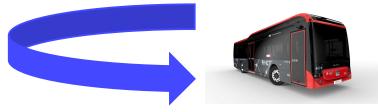
- Short term None will still be submitting applications to the local planning authority
- Long Term will need to be involved in the spatial development strategies



# Appeals:1. The HolliesWest Berkshire2. Hayes DriveWokingham3. Brimpton CommonWest Berkshire

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# **Travel and Transport update**



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#### Bedwyn, Newbury and Thatcham

- The buses will use public bus stops at both ends and will not enter site
- The site drop off will be at the bus stop outside Falcon Gate and the station drop off will be at the bus stop on the A340 near Station Road
- There will be 2 pick-ups in the morning peak, 1 drop off/pick up at lunch time and 2 drop offs in the late afternoon
- The buses will stick to their schedule and therefore will not be able to wait around for delayed trains
- To identify the bus, there will be a 'Private Staff Shuttle' notice in the window
- During this pilot, travel will be free to users and will run as a hop on, hop off service no booking needed!

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# Any questions?

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AWE Infrastructure Investment Update – Future Materials Campus Community Feedback report

Head of Communications Future Materials Campus

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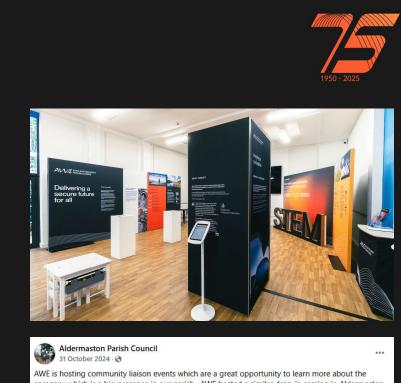
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#### **Community conversations - recap**

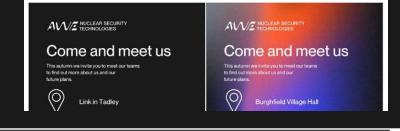
- Six in-person drop-in events and two online public held sessions in October and November 2024
- **300** people attended our events
- **71** responses to our feedback forms.

# Thank you for helping to publicise events

- 1,800 views of our new website (awe.citizenspace.com/fmc)
- 7,000 views of our 10 Facebook posts



AWE is hosting community liaison events which are a great opportunity to learn more about the company which is a big presence in our parish. AWE hosted a similar drop-in session in Aldermaston Parish Hall a couple of weeks ago but annoyingly a leaflet drop publicising it didn't reach all residents so some of you might have missed it. You can either pop along to these alternative events, or if you are very keen and there is enough demand AWE has offered to host another event in Aldermaston. Let us know!



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# **Our survey findings**

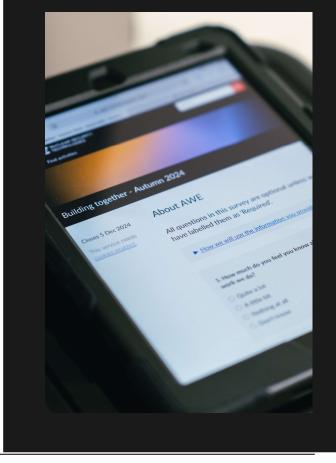
AWE has a strong local presence because so many employees live nearby

- Most people find out about us through their friends and family who work at AWE.
- Current or former employees made up 18.5% of survey respondents.
- Visitors to our events ranged from research students who had recently joined, to those who worked at our sites in the 1980s.

#### People want to know more about us

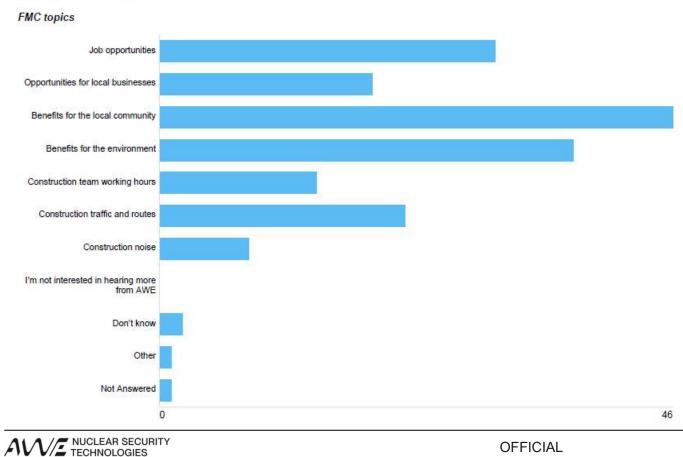
- They want us to be more open about our role in national defence and share more about our unique projects and technology.
- 75% of respondents wanted to be kept informed in the future.





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Question 6: Thinking about the proposed future investment at AWE, what topics are you most interested in hearing more about?





63% of answers focused on benefits, selecting these options the most:

- 1. benefits for the local community
- 2. benefits for the local environment
- **3**. job opportunities.

10% of answers were also interested in opportunities for local businesses, and 25% were interested in impacts; construction traffic and routes, construction team working hours and construction noise.

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#### How we are acting on the survey information

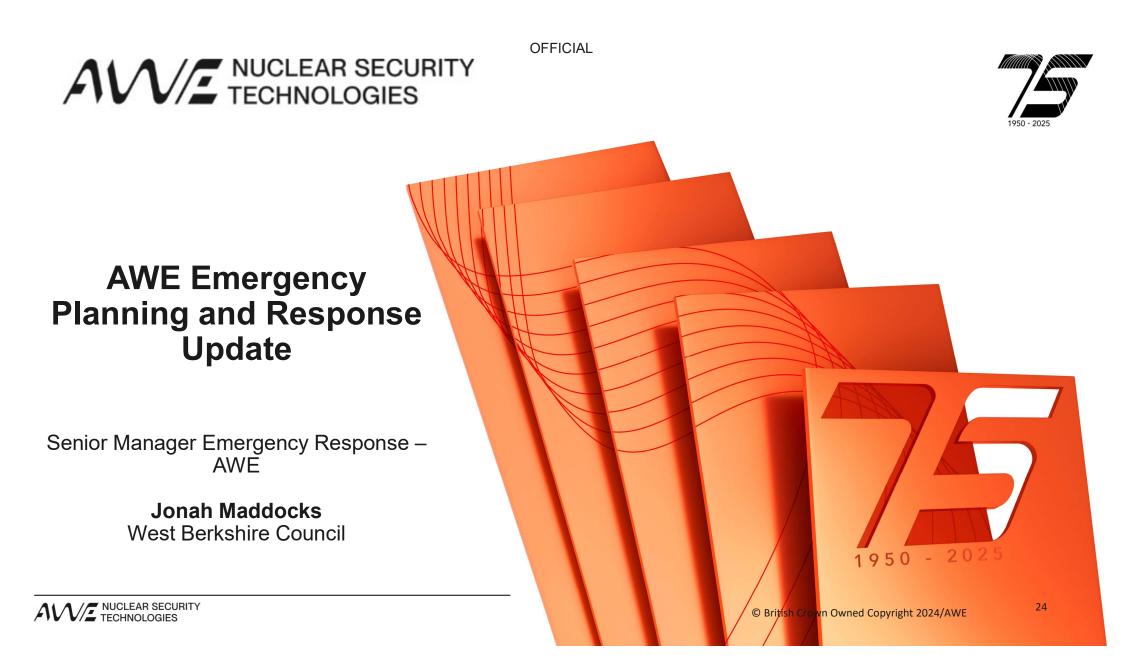
We will address community feedback asking us to share more information by:

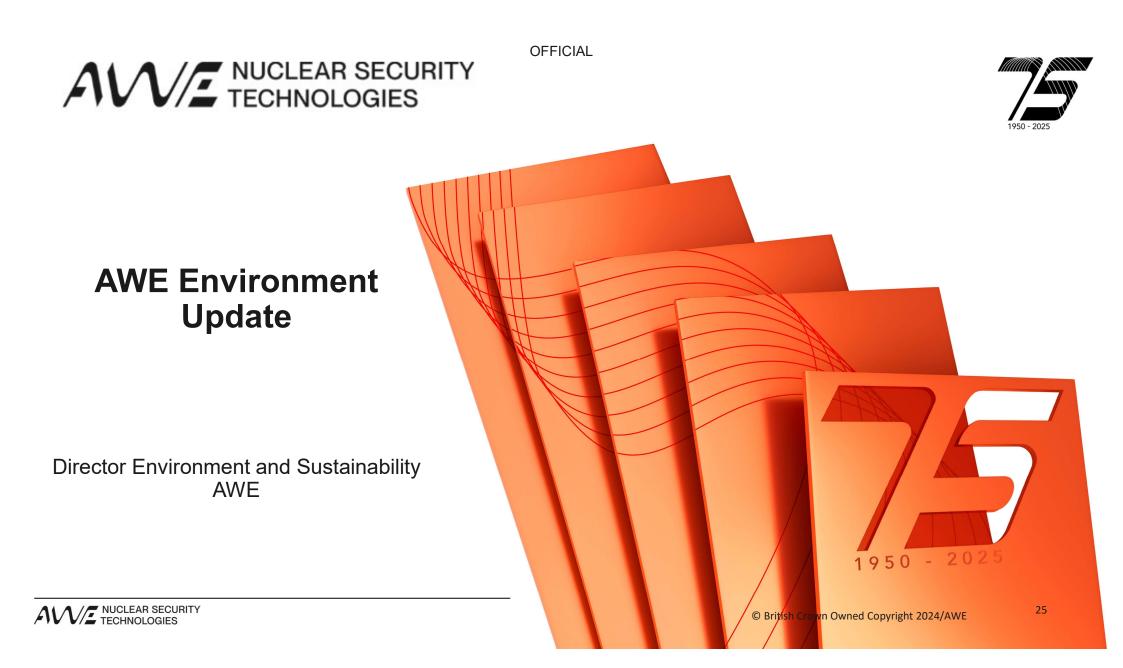
- Being more proactive in telling the public about the work behind our fences.
- Holding more public events
- We will also consider how we could provide more information about what we do to improve local understanding of the site operations, providing greater reassurance about nuclear safety.
  - You'll see in the latest edition of Connect Magazine we shared a 'mythbusting' session, acting on your suggestion from a previous LLC meeting. Thank you!
- As our infrastructure plans progress we will:
  - Share more information about potential impacts
  - Investigate the possibility of providing greater support to our local communities. This will be in addition to the ongoing work taking place by our teams in local schools, in volunteering and alongside our charity partner PACT (Parents and Children Together).

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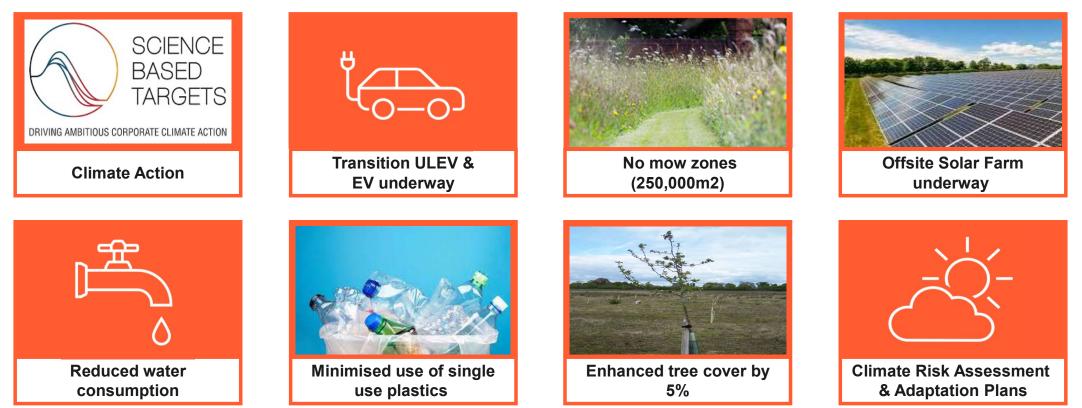


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# **Environmental Highlights**





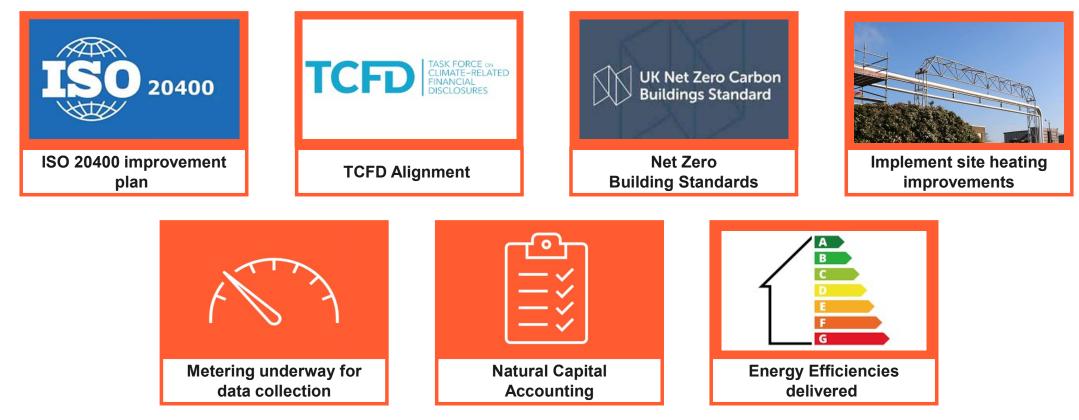
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# **Environmental Highlights**







# Lunch

# Reconvene at 13.00

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# DNSR Update to LLC

Karl Pallester - Inspector AWE Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025

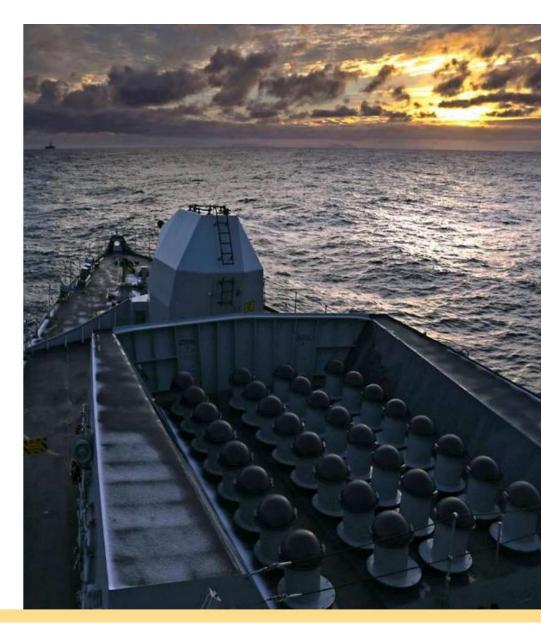


**Interest State** 

# **DNSR** Vires

#### Where there are **Disapplications**, **Exemptions or Derogations (DED)** from Statute

- When Class 1 (Explosives) and Class 7 (Radioactive) materials come together
- Through life safety focus
- Product / process / manufacture focus rather than facility focus
- ATC / XTC / 3TC / Corporate



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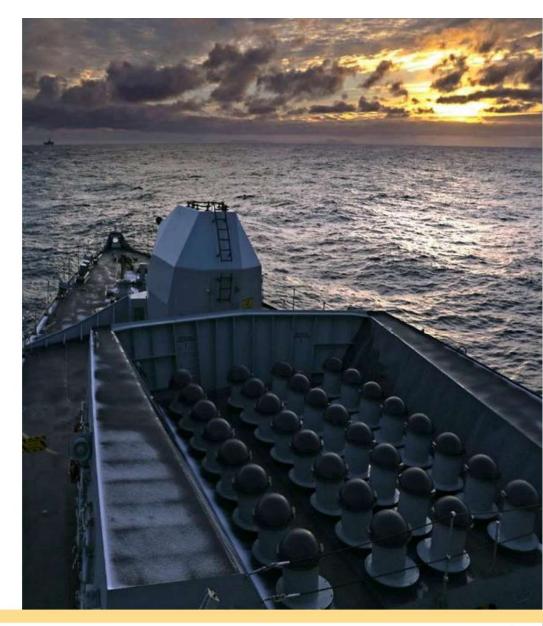
# Enforcement

- No Prohibition or Improvement Notices
- 8 x Corrective Action Requirements
  - 5 at Assembly Technology Centre
  - 2 at Mensa
  - 1 at Corporate
- Regulatory Hold Points
  - Tray Blend
  - Mensa



# Interventions

- November 2024 AC7 Incidents compliance inspection conducted at EPURE
- March 2025 LC26 Control & Supervision of Operations inspection with ONR at ATC
- February 2025 Assessment of pressure vessel safety case (RPS V5X)
- DNSR quarterly report for quarter 3
  produced and shared with Authorisee
- DNSR annual report for AWE drafted with a MODERATE safety marking

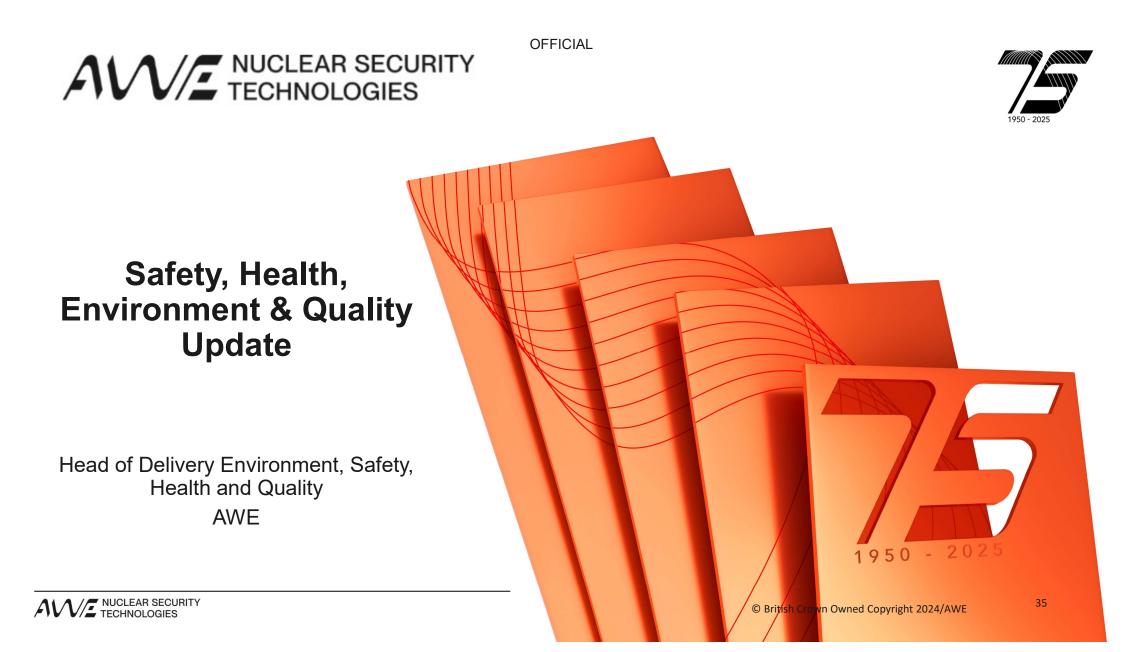




# Questions

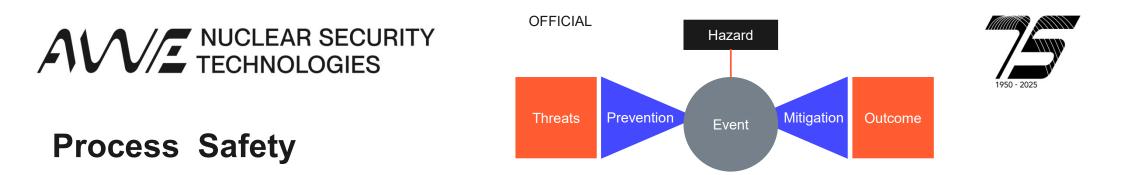


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We have applied a US Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) Classification to injury and illness records so we can benchmark against other UK and US operators who use the system. OSHA also provides a greater range of predefined injury classifications than RIDDOR, so is a better way to track personal injuries.



- Process Safety performance remains at an acceptable risk level.
- 3 Process Safety Loss of Control/Containment events raised between 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024.
- All three events have been investigated, and appropriate preventative actions have been put in place.
- Process Safety training remains a priority. Process Safety Leadership is being delivered for senior leaders, Process Safety Management for supervisors and Process Safety Awareness for apprentices.
- Bespoke process safety training delivery was completed in the period for Explosives Technology Centre.
- Extended Reality training continues to be developed and is used to raise hazard awareness amongst staff at all levels of the organisation. Virtual Chemical Store was completed and delivered in 2024 and now further extended reality is being progressed with XTC and scenarios are currently being developed.

#### Number of Events Notified to the ONR in Calendar Year 2025 to end of February:

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# Our Commitment to Protecting the Environment & People

#### Waste Management

The Environment Management target for diverted from landfill: **99%** Total waste diverted from landfill: **99.4%** 

#### **Nuclear Worker**

Annual UK Occupational Dose Limit: **20,000 μSv** AWE Individual Radiation Dose: **780 μSv** 

#### Radiation dose put into context:

Annual UK non-occupational radiation dose is  $2,700 \mu$ Sv. This is the average level of radiation dose that a person resident in the UK will receive each year from background sources of radiation.



Discharge to AirAssessed Dose Aldermaston:1.8 μSvAssessed Dose Burghfield:< 0.1 μSv</td>

#### **Trade Effluent**

Assessed Dose Aldermaston: < 0.1 μSv Assessed Dose Burghfield: < 0.1 μSv

#### **Discharge to Water**

Assessed Dose Aldermaston Stream: < 0.1 μSv

#### **Direct Dose at Site Boundary**

Maximum Dose Aldermaston: **11 µSv** Maximum Dose Burghfield: **indistinguishable from natural background** 

#### Assessed public dose put into context:

A dose of 10  $\mu$ Sv (microsieverts) is comparable to that expected to be received from eating a 100g bag of Brazil nuts.



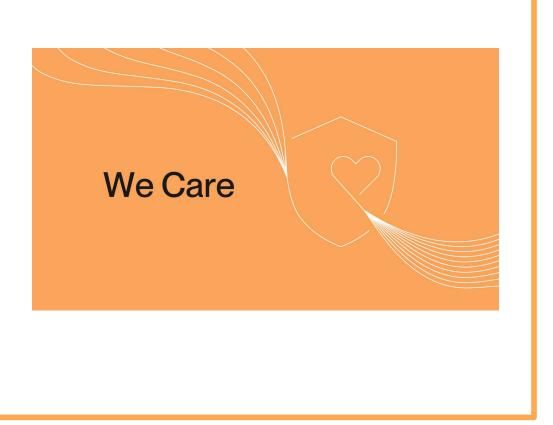


# We Care

# **April 2025**

### What is We Care?

- We Care is the umbrella under which we are delivering a safety uplift programme of improvement across AWE
- It encompasses the components of care, which are: Environment, Learning from Experience, Safety, Security, Quality & Wellbeing
- 2024 saw the programme focus on tactical wins
- 2025/26 will focus on data led and metric measured improvements







## Environment

Protect the environmental. Act sustainably. Minimise our environmental impact and carbon footprint.





Enabling everyone to discover, contribute, share and learn – improving for a better AWE future.



## Safety

Take responsibility for your own safety and for those around you to ensure we all get home safe, every day.



## Wellbeing

We value your physical and emotional wellbeing It's at the heart of a thriving workforce.

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## Quality

We can be proud of the way we deliver our mission because of the meticulous care we take. Implementing our processes, In our products and services. In everything we do.



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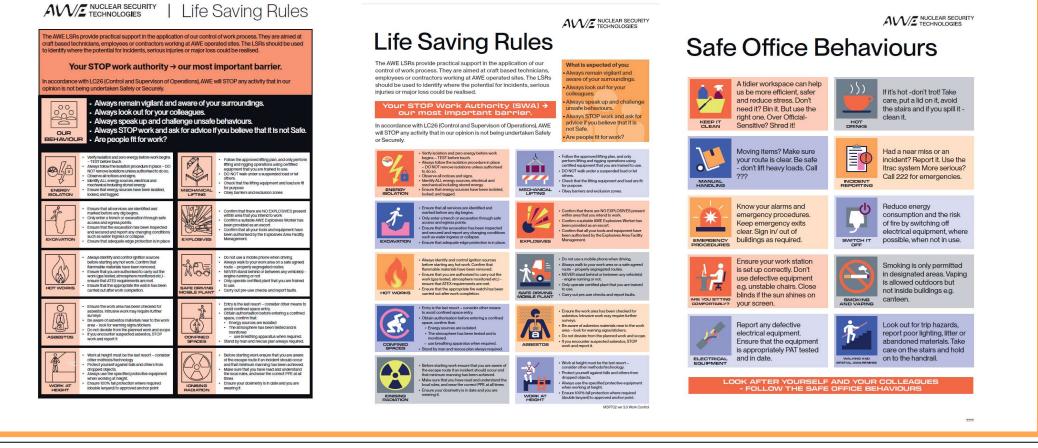


# We Care Recognition

- A way to recognise people for showing that, at AWE, We Care
- Recognise colleagues for showing they care against the We Care components; Environment, Learning from Experience, Safety, Security, Wellbeing & Quality via a single page submission via your local Safety or Quality Manager



#### We Care collateral – Life Saving Rules & Office Behaviours



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### We Care – Life Saving Rules posters and wall boards for WCCs



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# We Care – We Care Cards

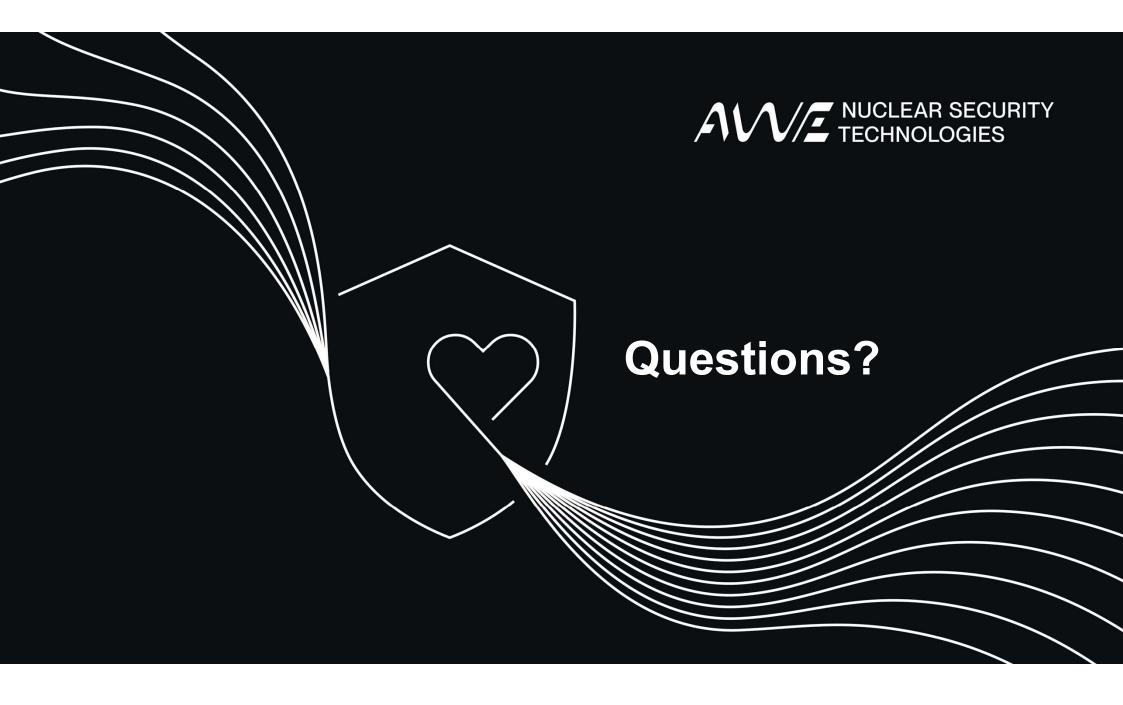


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# We Care 2025/2026

- Deliver two business-wide 'Stop for...' sessions in May and November
- Establish New AWE Site Rules
- Improve SLT Visual Leadership
- Improve Psychological safety

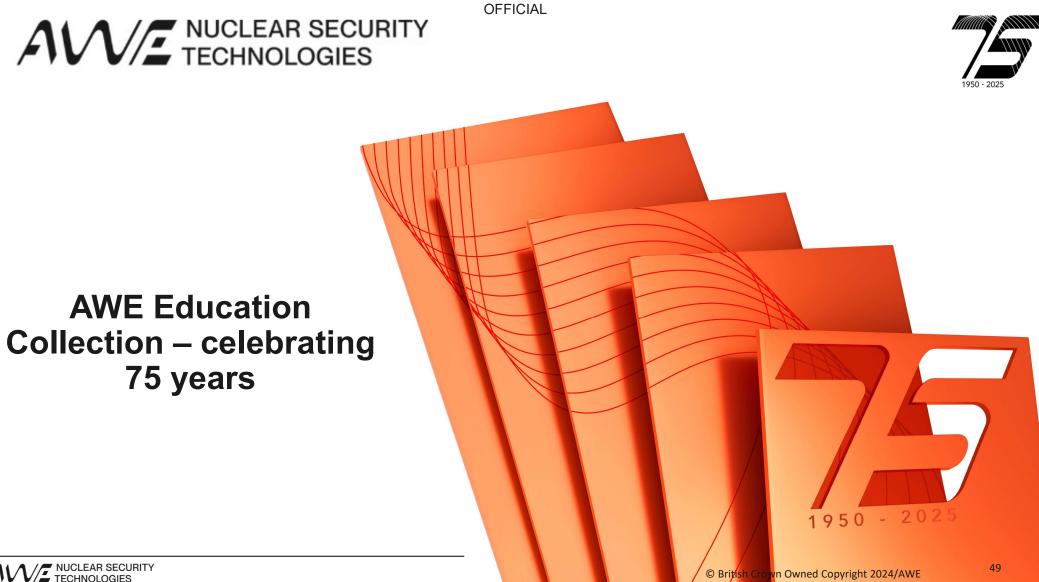


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# **Any Other Business**

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# **Next Meeting Date**

# **112 LLC**

# 6th November 2025

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