

Horizon welcomes GDA interim completion

Horizon Nuclear Power today welcomed the interim completion of the Generic Design Assessment (GDA) of new reactor technologies.

Horizon COO Alan Raymant said: "This is another important milestone in the delivery of new nuclear build in the UK.

"It's further evidence of the strength of the UK nuclear new build programme.

"The GDA process gives developers confidence that the EPR and AP1000 technologies are suitable for use in the UK and that licensing approvals can be secured within a reliable timeframe. It also means we can focus our planning and licensing assessments on the site-specific issues".

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Notes to editors:

- The Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) has today confirmed that both the Areva EPR and Westinghouse AP1000 have been granted interim Design Acceptance Confirmations (IDAC), whilst the Environment Agency (EA) has announced that both reactors have been granted interim Statements of Design Acceptability (ISODA).
- The GDA process began in 2007 with the initial assessment of four reactor designs. Two of those designs (the GE ESBWR and AECL ACR-1000) were withdrawn from the process by the reactor-vendors.
- Both remaining reactors have resolved those regulatory issues which have been raised throughout the process.
- Interim certificates will be developed to full DAC and SODA following the completion of further assessment by the regulators. This is expected to take a period of around 12 months further consideration.
- Horizon Nuclear Power is in the latter stages of a reactor-technology and delivery team selection process.

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