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Specification study workshop

Invitation to SMR vendors

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Background

The Nuclear Industrial Strategy, published in 2013, set out the UK Government's interest in the potential benefits offered by Small Modular Reactors (SMRs). The Government commissioned a feasibility study to investigate the potential benefits further and this was published in December 2014 (*Small Modular Reactors (SMR) Feasibility Study, NNL, December 2014*).

Engagement with Technology Developers/Vendors

Building on this study, the Government is now considering its evidence requirements to support future policy decisions on SMRs. As such we are looking to engage with technology developers/vendors in the market to gather further detailed information on SMRs. This may lead to a techno-economic assessment in which parties will be invited to submit evidence for consideration against defined criteria.

The first step of this process is a specification study which is intended to inform the key parameters of such a techno-economic assessment. We want to engage with parties at this stage to enable you to comment on the draft proposed key parameters, the categories of information that we think are important to structure the evidence base and what evidence is available.

We propose to do this through a Vendor Engagement Workshop, which will be hosted by the Department of Energy and Climate Change's (DECC) independent experts (Nuvia, Parsons Brinckerhoff). During this we will outline the potential benefits we consider SMRs could deliver and the underpinning criteria which could be relevant to an assessment. We also wish to discuss the practical availability of information to contribute to the evidence base.

The workshop is scheduled for 25th March, to be held at the Institution of Mechanical Engineers in London.

Engagement Possibilities

We understand that geographical distance and other factors may mean that you are unable to attend in person. If this is the case we would welcome your participation by conference call on the day or written comments on the process. This could be supported by a phone call with a member of the team to talk through the process with you.

We hope that you will feel engaging with us will be a valuable use of your time and look forward to hearing from you.

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