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Public's Chance To Find Out More About Oldbury

The public is being given the opportunity to find out more about Oldbury power station and its future, at an event being held in Thornbury.

Staff from Oldbury will be present in the **St Mary Centre** between 10am and 4pm on Saturday (May 12) to talk to the public about the station and what will be happening on site in the coming years.

The event forms part of the station's commitment to support the ongoing public consultation into the recently published Environmental Statement which details the planned decommissioning of Oldbury.

Oldbury is due to cease generating electricity at the end of 2008, and the comprehensive document covers the proposals for the ultimate total clearance of the site.

The day will help the local community understand what is planned and tell you how you can make your concerns known.

The statement has been submitted to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) who have begun the consultation process involving a number of organisations and interested parties. It will run until the end of June.

Copies of the document are available for inspection by the public at libraries in Thornbury, Chepstow, Bradley Stoke, Lydney, Chipping Sodbury, Filton, Patchway, Yate and Dursley.

British Nuclear Group prepared the Environmental Statement which covers the company's proposals for the ultimate clearing of the site.

The project includes, in the early phase, the removal of most of the buildings, storage of intermediate level waste in a new, purpose built store until it can be safely removed and alterations to the existing reactor building – until it is finally removed.

The statement looks at the environmental impacts of decommissioning Oldbury, and covers everything from traffic movements and the visual impact on the local community to the potential socio-economic impacts and the effect on air quality, surface waters and geology.



Also included are efforts the site will make to protect animals and wildlife, including badgers, great crested newts, slow worms and sea clover.

It is a major milestone in Oldbury's plans, and makes predictions of the impact our plans will have in the medium and long term – right up until 2118.

The statement itself is several hundred pages long, but a copy of the non-technical summary can be found on our website, www.britishnucleargroup.com

“Publishing our Environmental Statement is a major milestone for the station and a huge step forwards in the decommissioning process,” said Jon Bishton, Decommissioning Strategy Manager at Oldbury.

“We hope people will take the opportunity to visit us in Thornbury to find out more about what is included in this important document.”

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