

Dalgety Bay Particles Advisory Group

Media release

Dalgety Bay Particles Advisory Group meets for first time

The Dalgety Bay expert Group met for the first time today at Dalgety Bay Sailing Club.

Alex Elliott, Acting DBPAG Chairman, said:

“The Dalgety Bay Particles Advisory Group met for the first time today and heard from the MoD and SEPA on all of the work which has been carried out recently.

“We expressed our concern at the number and activity of finds detected by the SEPA monitoring and the apparent inadequacy of the MoD’s current contractor to detect particles which could pose a significant risk to public health. We recommend that an immediate short term monitoring programme is adopted at Dalgety Bay to detect and remove particles present, together with a revision to the permanent signs.

“We have also recommended that monitoring should ensure that sources which have an activity of greater than 20,000 Bq of radium are removed from the top 10cm of sediment on a monthly basis, this work must be undertaken by a competent contractor. In the interim the public should not enter the area of the beach which is currently clearly demarcated.

“Further efforts should also be made to determine the terrestrial extent of the contamination which should include investigation of all areas of made ground at Dalgety Bay.”

Ends

Editors Notes:

20,000 Bq represents an activity where recent data has shown doses to members of the public could receive significant doses from inadvertent ingestion.

If you have any enquiries or would like to speak to Alex Elliott, Acting DBPAG Chairman, please email rsenquiries@sepa.org.uk, or telephone 01786 452548, and we will arrange for him to call you back.