



Supply Chain BULLETIN

Weekly Update on COVID-19 NEWS from Sellafeld Ltd

Friday 3 April 2020

Introduction

This bulletin provides a round up of recent COVID-19 pandemic information for our supply chain companies.

Friday 27 March 2020

Message from our Chief Executive, Martin Chown

It has been 14 days since reports appeared of the first case of Covid-19 in the Sellafeld workforce.

In that time the country has changed beyond recognition and so has our business.

The unprecedented threat of this virus has required all of us to respond at pace, like never before, to a situation none of us could have imagined.

As an organisation, we have never found ourselves in circumstances like this at any point in our history. The same is true for all of us, our families and our friends. The way we live our lives has changed almost overnight, and so has the way we work.

I am incredibly proud of your care, professionalism, flexibility and understanding which has allowed us to introduce an accelerated ramp down of activity on the Sellafeld site. The response from all of you, from our union representatives and our supply chain partners has been exceptional.

What we do, and how we do it, doesn't just affect Sellafeld Ltd, but everyone and everything that our business touches. From our families, to our communities, colleagues, delivery partners, suppliers, local authorities and the NHS; what we do matters.

Our stakeholders are very engaged and supportive of our position. This week I have spoken with our board, the ONR and HMG including our Minister. We have already received national recognition for the way we are handling the situation and you should all be proud of that.

We will soon publish guidance for people able to volunteer in their local community. It is essential that as individuals we play a significant role in order to help community resilience.

For the full story please click on the link below;
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/sellafeld-ltd/about/staff-update>

Sunday 29 March

Community volunteering

We will soon publish guidance for people able to volunteer in their local community in order to help with community resilience efforts in these extraordinary times. This guidance will follow the legislation for volunteers introduced by the government this week and guidance from the NDA with regard to how this should apply across NDA businesses.

We have been playing our part with local authorities' strategic response to this situation since the very beginning. We have also made PPE available to the local NHS having worked with local authorities for some time to understand their requirements and retain what we need. We hope to be able to make more equipment available in the future.

We will continue to respond to the requests of local partners by identifying and working with them to ensure that we do everything we can to assist community efforts. As ever, we will do this by ensuring that we retain the resources required to maintain safe, secure site operations whilst maintaining the health, safety and well-being of our employees.

Thank you for your continued professionalism, care and flexibility. The volume of requests from Sellafeld Ltd employees seeking clarity on how we will enable volunteering in our communities demonstrates remarkable spirit in these extraordinary times.

Thank you for everything you are doing.
Steve Bostock

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/sellafeld-ltd/about/staff-update>

Wednesday 1 April 2020

Advice for people living with vulnerable people

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we continue to keep Sellafeld safe and secure whilst protecting the health and wellbeing of Sellafeld Ltd employees and our colleagues and partners in the supply chain.

In line with NHS guidance, all Sellafeld Ltd employees should work from home unless it is impossible for them to do so.

However, for key workers, it is recognised that this will sometimes not be possible and advice for Sellafeld key workers can be found [here](#).

For the full story please [click here](#)

Wednesday 1 April 2020***Further extension to pause on work across site***

Our pause on construction work has been extended to Monday 13 April while we continue to identify the key work that needs to continue and which of our key workers and supply chain are needed on site.

This work is being done during a time of considerable uncertainty and we want to ensure we get it right.

The pause includes all construction work currently being undertaken by the Projects Delivery Directorate and most other project work on-site, with some key exceptions where stopping work could impact on nuclear safety.

Our contractor community has been informed of the decision to extend the pause. An update on the next steps will be issued no later than Thursday 9 April.

https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/sellafield-ltd/about/staff-update?utm_source=7d39c6bd-b4ce-4cce-8c39-a6134abd8277&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

Supply Chain Covid-19 procurement notice

An update for our supply chain from Alan Hartley, our interim supply chain director.

In these very challenging times, we are committed to playing our part in supporting our suppliers to ensure they remain sustainable.

To enable us to do this and to ensure service continuity during and after the COVID-19 pandemic, Sellafield Ltd will continue to pay those suppliers considered central to the delivery of our mission that have been affected by the virus.

This is on the basis that throughout this period we maintain value for money for our business and the UK taxpayer and enable the supply chain and Sellafield Ltd to return to business as usual at the end of the pandemic.

For more information please visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/supply-chain-covid-19-procurement-notice>

Twitter 

We are regularly tweeting the latest information on COVID-19, to keep updated make sure you follow us at: @SELLtdBusiness

Thursday 2 April 2020

We are currently facing unprecedented times and the impact upon our local communities is significant. Existing resources and support networks are currently stretched and therefore volunteering activities have become even more important. As members of our supply chain and also members of our community there is an opportunity for you to become involved.

Whilst many of our normal activities are disrupted and workfaces on the Sellafield site are limited, we have a significant number of resources potentially available. To help inform whether you think you can support any of the community volunteering activities we have provided some principles below:

1. Where suppliers and contractors' workforces are able to deliver meaningful work to us under their contracts, such as working from home, we ask that they should continue to do so – it is important we continue to make as much progress as possible throughout this period
2. If suppliers and contractors' workforces are unable to deliver work, or can only do so for a proportion of the normal working day then we would be happy and encourage those individuals to partake in volunteering opportunities to benefit our communities
3. In such instances we ask that those resources remain available to be called upon as and when necessary to deliver our operations and projects
4. If individuals elect to undertake volunteering where work could be meaningfully delivered, this should be addressed through normal mechanisms such as annual leave entitlements etc
5. Where volunteering forms part of any suppliers or contractors' corporate social responsibility or social impact objectives then that decision remains with those suppliers and contractors – all we would ask is that we work in collaboration where possible to maximise the benefits delivered
6. Where suppliers and contractors are unsure of whether any costs relating to resources volunteering are recoverable during this period of Covid-19 disruption, please contact their relevant Sellafield commercial representative
7. If you have individuals who would like to volunteer to support the Covid-19 response and you have specific experience or skills that could be utilised, please email details to: volunteering@sellafieldsites.com or for Warrington employees warrington.volunteering@sellafieldsites.com

There is a website for general volunteering to support the Covid-19 response where you can register your details www.supportcumbria.org.uk

Tracey West
Social Impact Team

More information is available via the links below;

UK Government – [Guidance for Employers and Businesses](#)
UK Government – [Support for Businesses](#)
UK Government – [Support for self-employed](#)

This information is constantly evolving so please keep checking.

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where you can
be anything,
be kind.

