

Sellafield nuclear waste should be used – not buried



Nuclear waste from the Sellafield site must be used, rather than buried in the ground, GMB Union has said.

The Cumbrian site has one of the world's largest stockpiles of plutonium and the Government's plan is to make it safe, then bury it in the ground.

GMB Union met Lord Hunt – a Minister in the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero – is calling for his department to explore its potential role in the UK's energy future.

Dan Gow, GMB Senior Organiser, said:



"Sellafield workers keep this country safe and deserve better than broken promises and short-sighted policies.

"Plutonium is a national asset, not a liability.

"Any decision about Sellafield must involve genuine consultation with workers.

"Time and again, promises of engagement have not been kept and that has eroded trust.

"West Cumbria has carried the burden of hosting Sellafield for decades, and its people deserve investment, job security, and a clear long-term vision for the site.

"The Government must listen to the workforce, invest in the region and ensure safety and job security are non-negotiable."

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