

## The reauthorisation of radioactive discharges from the Devonport Royal Dockyard (1)

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## The situation

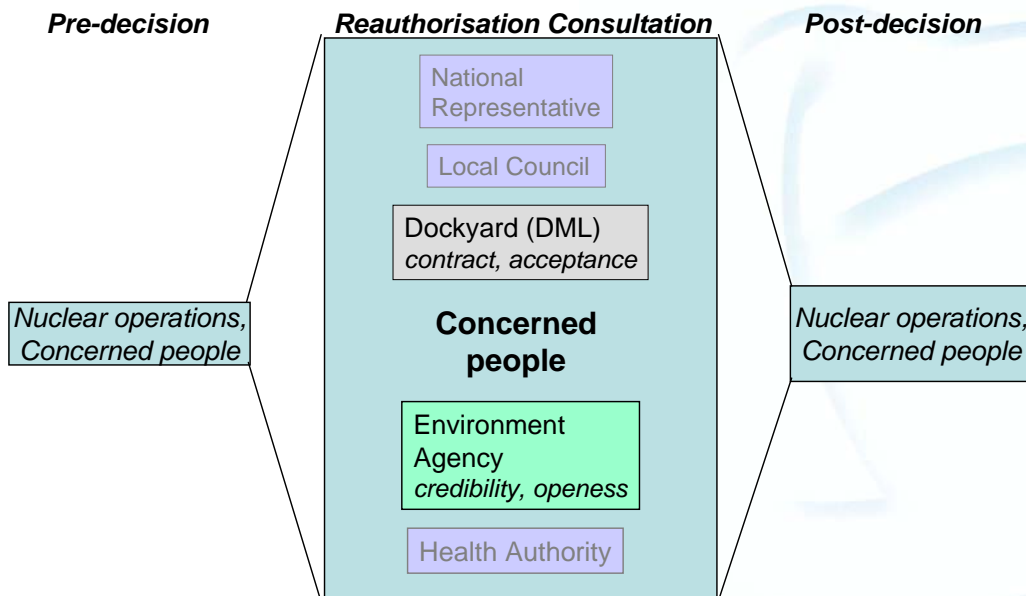
- Devonport Royal Dockyard has existed for hundreds of years, with nuclear operations since 1970s.
- New refitting: (1) some discharges up  
(2) link with nuclear weapons
- Dockyard privatised (no longer Ministry of Defence)
- Requires authorisation from the Environment Agency

⇒ CONTROVERSIAL



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## Key views and motives

- Environment Agency:  
-regulate discharges      -credibility/reputation
  - Dockyard:  
-fulfill contract to time      -acceptance
  - Public:  
-local issues      -national issues
1. School Governor – welfare of pupils (economic and health)
  2. Local Campaign Group – health concern, local cancers
  3. Local Campaigner – also national concerns

## Conclusions

- Generally effective consultation (EA, DML)  
⇒ people still have concerns, what could have happened?
- Effort (fatigue?) and attention to detail
- Dose/harm model questioned (local vs. national?)  
⇒ how to handle questions outside remit?
- Ongoing situation...