



CIVIL NUCLEAR CONSTABULARY

The Energy Act 2004 created the Civil Nuclear Police Authority as an executive non-departmental public body which is sponsored by the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (BERR).



The Civil Nuclear Police Authority Shield is charged with two black columns representing the core of a reactor; the white discs represent the fuel channels and atoms that provide power. On either side of these there is palisade fencing which represents the protection offered on all sides by the Authority and Constabulary.

Members of the Police Authority are appointed by the Secretary of State. The Police Authority has an independent Chairman, two independent members and four representatives from the nuclear industry.

The function of the Authority is to ensure that the Civil Nuclear Constabulary is efficient and effective and meets the policing requirements of stakeholders in the nuclear industry in accordance with the strategic direction set by the Authority. Objectives and performance targets for the Constabulary are agreed between the Chief Constable and the Authority and are then published as part of the *Three-Year Strategic Policing Plan* (which is available on our websites: www.cnpa.police.uk and www.cnc.police.uk).

A key objective for the Authority is to verify the continued effectiveness of Constabulary operations in line with the security standards set by the Director of Civil Nuclear Security. The Authority provides the framework for strong strategic governance and accountability to the Secretary of State and is also responsible for increasing openness and transparency in the activities of both the Authority and the Constabulary.

The Authority's members are appointed under Part 1 of Schedule 10 of the Act. The Act allows for between 7 and 13 members. Independent members are appointed in accordance with the Code of Practice issued by the Commissioner for Public Appointments. Members employed by the companies that operate the nuclear sites policed by the Constabulary are put forward by their companies as potential Authority members.