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Bilateral Agreement: “the bigger picture”

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International solutions for international problems

- US and UK have been dealing with decommissioning and waste management since the mid 1940's.
- Historically those early adopters of nuclear have focused on solving their own issues
 - within a project/facility
 - or a programme/site
 - or nationally
- This has led to numerous “1st of a kind solutions”
- Today most of our contractors operate nationally and many flourish internationally

The potential evolution of the Bi lateral

- **Successful in sharing technical issues and solutions**
- **Proven that our 2 Government Agencies can work effectively to maximize the tax payers \$/£**

Common issues:

- Funding /budgets
 - More for less
 - Competition from other “nuclear clients”
 - Commercial issues, nuclear indemnity, pricing, and competition
 - Contractor performance
 - Benchmarking – should cost/could cost models
 - Socio-economic
 - Stakeholder engagement
 - Training/retention and refreshment
- **Collaboration and the highest level**

A few thoughts to stimulate your grey cells

- Is greater collaboration a opportunity of risk for you our contractors?
- International solutions just brings increased paperwork.
- Collaboration within a programme or internationally just favours the “big guys”
- The models not similar enough to get real synergies
- The real benefit from the bi lateral would come if you did