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MAJOR ROW BREWING AT SELLAFIELD

Cumbria's biggest general union has attacked the management at Sellafield, for their approach to industrial relations and people management.

The GMB Union is locked in discussions to re-evaluate workers at the Nuclear installation.

The Union believes that there is a campaign orchestrated by management to de-recognise them from collective bargaining.

Chris Jukes GMB Northern Region's Senior Organiser said:

"There is a management culture of dirty tricks on the site. Having finally forced the company to concede, GMB and its Local Reps are being derecognised by stealth."

The GMB said that fresh from recent scandals about the abuse of public money highlighted by the recent Public Accounts Committee Report, there was now a pernicious management approach backed up by a management in denial. The Union said that management were determined to derecognise the GMB for campaigning successfully for their members, wanted compliant unions on site, all of which smacked of a dirty tricks campaign. The GMB said that Sellafield Management are operating in a culture where everything is geared to decommissioning on the cheap.

Mr Jukes said:

"There is no vision about the future, about new build, safe storage or reuse. The galling thing is that public money is keeping the site going, keeping top management in good terms and conditions with a good lifestyle at the expense of workers. We are witnessing before our eyes the slow decline of Sellafield at the taxpayer's expense led by management who know no better. The GMB will not go quietly into the night and will use all means at its disposal as its campaigning ramps up."

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