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Dear Elizabeth

#### **DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP**

At the last DSG site operations sub group meeting which was held on 28<sup>th</sup> October there was a discussion on the various consultations identified as coming forward over the next few months.

The DSG is currently considering DECC's pre-consultation on the methodology for plutonium management and has just accepted an invitation to a pre-consultation from HSE on bulk quantities and licensing of disposal. In addition, DSRL will shortly be launching a consultation the site's draft heritage strategy, while NDA have a business plan consultation due to start in December and during next year will be looking to inform their strategy document.

We are also aware of impending consultations from Scottish Government on higher activity wastes and waste substitution.

As you can see it is potentially going to be a busy time for DSG members if all consultations are launched at, or about, the same time. Therefore we are requesting a timetable for your proposed consultations to allow meetings to be arranged accordingly. This will ensure there is a timely and meaningful discussion between DSG members to allow informed responses to be provided at the appropriate time.

In addition Scottish Government has an outstanding action to agree a way forward with HSE on the issue of licensing of the site's low level waste disposal facility. This action has been ongoing for sometime now and we ask that this be progressed now with a matter of urgency.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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