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Dear Bob,

REF: Dounreay PBO Competition Schedule Changes

Dear Bob,

I'm writing to make the DSG aware of some changes to the schedule for the Dounreay PBO Competition. You will recall that we had planned to commence phase 1 of dialogue at the end of July 2010. This was intended to allow for a period of site information gathering, during which we had intended to create opportunities for the DSG to meet with Participants and express their views and expectations of the successful PBO.

One of the key interdependencies of the schedule is the availability of a Lifetime Plan that complies with all NDA procedures and the conditions of the £150m Public Value Programme settlement. This will now not be available until the end of September 2010, after which it will be subject to an independent assurance review. Consequently this phase of the competition is not expected to begin until the beginning of November 2010. This delay, while disappointing, will allow the next stage of the competition to proceed on a sound basis. We are currently exploring opportunities to utilise the intervening period of time to good effect. One option being considered is allowing limited participant informal access to the site in advance of commencement of the dialogue phase of the competition, which may allow yourselves early engagement with the Participants. It remains our intention to provide opportunities for yourselves to meet with the Participants during the dialogue phase of the competition later this year.

I am expecting to be visiting the site again in the next couple of weeks and would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and other members of DSG to provide you with a further update on the competition more generally.

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Yours sincerely,


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