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Dear John

Thank you for your letter dated 13 September 2010. The material removed from Dounreay at the beginning of April 2010 is

On the separate question of nuclear waste, you'll be aware the Scottish Government is consulting on a new policy for higher-activity waste. Under the previous policy (disposal in a UK repository), we estimated this would require approximately 4500 transports to clear the site of UK-owned waste. Dounreay holds a small amount of foreign waste and I expect a separate consultation on "waste substitution" to determine the outcome of this work.

For low-level waste, we estimate a similar number of transports will be needed to move the waste a short distance from the site to the new disposal vaults adjacent to the site.

We also transport radioactive particles from beaches and the seabed to the site and I expect this to continue for the foreseeable future.

I hope you find this information helpful. I'd be very happy to talk with you and your colleagues in more detail about these issues and would be pleased to show you around the relevant facilities here at the site. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely



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