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I committed to writing to you following our discussion last week to set out where we are with regards to the National Nuclear Archive (NNA) project.

The CSR settlement has inevitably required us to look hard at all our areas of expenditure, especially those in the non-programme areas, in order to ensure that we have sufficient funds to make the progress we need in the core activities of decommissioning and waste management.

Greater that is our strategy for information and knowledge  
management, of which the NNA is one component.

en these points, together with the fact there is uncertainty over funding for the NNA from other sources led us to conclude that we are not in a position to proceed with the NNA at this point, and we felt we should signal this in our draft Business Plan for 2011 recently published for consultation.

Unfortunately, this has led to some speculation that the NDA was pulling out of the NNA altogether or that we might chose to build the NNA somewhere other than Wick. I can assure you that no such decisions have been made.

As we discussed, we remain committed to building an archive in Wick, however the scope of that project and the timing of its delivery are under review. When we have completed that review I will be in touch to update you of our revised plans.

In the meantime, we will continue to work in partnership with the key organisations in the region to progress other important and exciting socio-economic developments.



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I am copying this letter to DSRL, Dounreay Stakeholder Group and CNSRP given their interest in the issue.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Fountain', is written over a light blue background.

**Tony Fountain**  
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