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Our Ref: AT/MR/EL2-9
Your Ref:

Dear Mr Gemmell

Shipments of radioactive materials

The Council is concerned at the proposed shipment of radioactive materials to Belgium and other similar proposals.

It is the long-established policy of the Council that Dounreay's legacy wastes and other nuclear materials should remain on site for treatment and management

The Council is aware of the contractual undertakings made by Dounreay's reprocessing customers to take back the resulting materials. There is also the additional issue of material at Dounreay that has not been reprocessed or treated despite contractual agreements. The Council believes these wastes and other materials, which constitute a small part of the radiological inventory of the site, should remain at Dounreay so avoiding unnecessary hazardous transports.

SEPA is the Competent Authority in Scotland in respect of the Transfrontier Shipment of Radioactive Waste Regulations 1993. The Council requests detailed information on the authorisations given under these regulations concerning Dounreay and the justifications for approval that have taken place since 1st January 2009; any applications that have been refused in the past five years; proposed transports that have already been authorised but not yet carried out; and any outstanding authorisation applications.

The Council respectfully suggests that SEPA should inform stakeholders when an application under these regulations is submitted and request their views.

The Council also refers to the proposed removal from service of the Emergency Towing Vessels (ETVs) by the UK Government, especially the two tugs stationed in Orkney and Shetland and Stornoway, for the Minches. The Council wishes to know whether SEPA has

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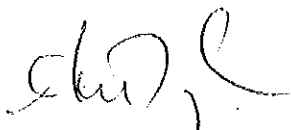
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undertaken any risk assessments concerning these shipments, taking account of the withdrawal from service of the ETVs.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Austin Taylor', written in a cursive style.

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