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Dear Peter

EMERGENCY TUG VESSELS / RISK ASSESSMENTS OF NUCLEAR SHIPMENTS

You will recall, at the last site restoration sub group meeting held on 2nd November, there was a discussion on ONR's response to action DSG(2011)M007/A043: "ONR to provide a response as to whether risk assessments for nuclear shipments consider the removal of the emergency tug vessels".

While we appreciate this is not your remit and you simply provided a response from your transport colleagues, DSG members were disappointed in the response and request further clarification.

While it was understood that the consignors of the cargo are responsible for developing the risk assessment, the licensing or sanction of all nuclear shipments through UK waters is a matter for a government body to review and sanction.

Can you please forward this letter to the appropriate person in your organisation to provide a more detailed response to the following questions:

- Who is overall responsible for the sanction/licensing of nuclear shipments in UK waters?
- Who undertakes review of the risk assessments as provided by the consignors of cargo?

- Do risk assessments take into account the potential risk associated with the removal of the emergency tug vessels?

I would appreciate a response before the 10th December, prior to our main meeting on the 14th.

Yours sincerely

Sent electronically without signature

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cc. Michael Foxley, Highland Council