

ONR RESPONSE TO DSG(2011)C272: RISK ASSESSMENTS FOR NUCLEAR SHIPMENTS IN RELATION TO REMOVAL OF THE EMERGENCY TUG VESSELS.

Q: Who is overall responsible for the sanction/licensing of nuclear shipments in UK waters?

The Merchant Shipping Regulations place clear requirements on all parties involved in the supply chain

Q: Who undertakes review of the risk assessments as provided by the consignors of cargo?

The Regulations place clear duties on the consignor however consignors may voluntarily use and carry out risk assessments to check that they have met their regulatory responsibilities but the risk assessments are not required by the regulations .

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

The Regulations have always required that the consignor/ship has emergency procedures in place in the event of an incident/emergency and risk assessments are not required by the regulations.

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