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Dear June,

DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP

I refer to Mr Farlow's letter of 15 May 2012 regarding risk assessments for nuclear shipments (in relation to the removal of the emergency tug vessels). The letter discharged Action DSG/SRSG(2012)M002/A005 from the DSG Site Restoration sub group meeting of 25 April 2012 by asking ONR to clarify what consultation, if any, ONR will carry out between various bodies along a transport route for nuclear materials.

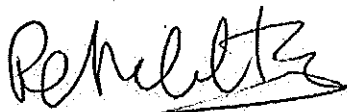
My email of 13 July 2012 provided a provisional view ahead of the DSG Site Restoration sub group meeting on 18 July.

I can now confirm that there is no requirement to mention emergency tugs or similar in a Transport Security Statement or a Transport Security Plan. Under the Nuclear Industries Security Regulations 2003 these are the mechanisms by which ONR Civil Nuclear Security regulates the movement of nuclear materials. Also I am advised that there is no security risk which could be mitigated by a tug which is not already mitigated by another method.

I note that you have written to the Maritime and Coastguards to clarify the issue of the removal of emergency tug vessels related to safety of transportation of waste by sea.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further advice from ONR on this topic.

Yours sincerely,



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