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Dear Mr Earnshaw

DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP (DSG)

Thank you for your letter of 21 February to the Radioactive Waste Team. I was pleased to note that the DSG feels it has a good relationship with the Scottish Government. It is important that we have an effective engagement process between Scottish Government and stakeholders on issues involving the nuclear sector and the DSG's involvement with both the Scottish Sites and Higher Activity Waste Meetings is very much welcomed and appreciated by our Team.

We note your request for us to circulate the paperwork 12 working days before a meeting takes place. We aim to circulate the papers as soon as possible before a meeting and our target is to do so at least 5 working days before the meeting. Unfortunately it is not always possible to do it any sooner than that but we will endeavour to do so when we can.

The project to develop the Higher Activity Waste Implementation Strategy did not progress as much as we would have hoped during 2012. However, we are aiming to move the project forward during 2013 and we will be in touch with the DSG shortly with a view to identifying suitable dates for future meetings of the Project Board.

Yours sincerely

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