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Dear ██████████

Fire at AWE Aldermaston, 3rd August 2010

You will be aware of the fire which occurred at the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) Aldermaston on the night of 3rd August 2010, and I understand that the Health and Safety Executive are currently inquiring into the matter to establish what action to take.

I am writing on behalf of the Nuclear Information Service (NIS) to ask the Executive to undertake an investigation into this incident. Given that the incident had off-site consequences, with local resident being evacuated and roads closed, NIS takes the view that it is sufficiently serious to warrant an investigation by the Executive.

I also request that, in line with HSE's policies on open and transparent regulation, the findings of the investigation are published in full to the public, together with the lessons learnt as a result of the investigation. You are aware that there is legitimate public interest in safety issues at AWE and NIS takes the view that it is the right of local communities to have access to information about potential risks that they may face, and steps taken to minimise these risks.

Thank you for giving this matter your attention, and I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Burt
Director
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