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For the attention of [Redacted] ONR

Dear [Redacted]

Suspension of Operations

As you are aware corrosion has been found on a number of the steel structural columns supporting the central section of A## 1. As previously discussed with yourself I have taken the decision to formally implement a suspension of operations in the A## complex.

The facility will continue to undertake activities that maintain the facilities safety arrangements such as safety checks and a series of activities to reduce the current level of risk. This will involve essential maintenance and monitoring activities, as well as waste management and fissile moves leading to a reduction of hazardous inventory. These activities have been authorized by me following facility ALARP review and approval by the [Redacted] and the Head of Nuclear Safety.

Additionally the facility and project will continue to undertake the necessary work to progress the programme of column remediation. This will include characterization of the state of the columns and eventual repair etc. This project of work is subject to its own separate form of approval and permissioning arrangements.

Control of all work is implemented through the Facility Manager A## and the revised and enhanced local planning and work control procedures. Any change to the authorized activities will be subject to my further authorization. We will ensure via the HPCP that you are aware and content with these further activities prior to their commencement.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

Asset Manager

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