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Dear Peter

Re: Atomic Weapons Establishment: Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations 2001 (REPPIR)

I am writing to thank you for your letter which I received Monday, April 23 together with a copy of the above report compiled by Large & Associates.

I would like time to review the content of the report and I will reply to you more fully in due course, when I will also address the points you raise in your letter, and clarify the procedures surrounding REPPIR and our HIRE reports.

As you are aware, we issue REPPIR every three years, in consultation with West Berkshire Council, and the next one is due in May 2013. The current version is available on our website www.awe.co.uk. This is sent to households and businesses within the Detailed Emergency Planning Zones (DEPZ) around our Aldermaston and Burghfield sites.

Last July, as part of our licence requirements, we submitted to the ONR our latest hazard and risk evaluation report, which we do every three years, and which ONR is considering. ONR has completed its technical assessment of AWE's evaluation and has commenced its process for determination of the DEPZ for the Aldermaston site. This process will involve consultation with the local authority, West Berkshire Council, and other stakeholders as appropriate.

There are currently no changes to the DEPZ for either AWE site; however if ONR's assessment concludes that a amendment in the size of the current DEPZ is appropriate, such a change would only be implemented after full consultation with our regulators and local authorities.

Yours sincerely

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Director Site

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