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Mr K Owen Chairman of DIG Plymouth Nuclear Dump Information Group 71 Copse Road, Plympton Road Plymouth PL7 1QB

Dear Mr Owen,

## NUCLEAR SAFETY - RESPONSIBILITY

Since your letter of 29th January and my subsequent reply, I have been in contact with DML. They have no knowledge that specific studies of environmental public health or economic consequences of a release of radiation at Plymouth due to the sinking of a submarine have taken place.

DML have suggested that the matter should be raised with the MoD and the matter will now be discussed at a meeting which is due to take place in March.

It is unlikely that I shall have any further information until then and when I do I shall write again. If, in the meantime, you would like to discuss the matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

NIGEL WEST
Assistant Head of Environmental Services