



Health & Safety Executive
Nuclear Safety Directorate

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Dear Mr Ainslie

Thank you for your letter of 13 November 2000 expressing concerns about the systems in place for monitoring the risks associated with nuclear powered submarines.

I can confirm that the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has an interest under Sections 2 and 3 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 to ensure that people are adequately protected from hazards arising from work activities. This covers refit activities and repair work on board nuclear submarines at Naval Bases.

However, given the defence implications of this particular work, it is for MoD to decide what information is made publicly available. You may wish to know, however, that the matter was discussed in the House of Commons on 24 October 2000. Copies of proceedings are available on the Internet - "House of Commons Debate - Hansard".

Yours sincerely

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