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*Dear Resident,*

Recent Legislation called the 'Public Information on Radiation Emergency Regulations' (PIRER), which applies throughout the United Kingdom, requires operators of nuclear sites to provide members of the public living or working near their site with information on what they may be asked to do in the unlikely event of a radiation emergency. The Regulations recognise that the effectiveness of some simple measures which members of the public may be asked to take in such an event would be enhanced by prior understanding. As the Ministry of Defence wishes me to comply with these Regulations, I am forwarding with this letter some explanatory leaflets which I hope you will find helpful; a cassette tape version is also available. You may wish to keep them for future reference.

The information provided in the leaflets is not new and has, in principle, been available to you from public sources for many years, but I suspect that you may not have been aware of this. The main leaflet has been produced for you by my staff, in consultation with officials of Strathclyde Regional Council and Dumbarton District Council, and it is based on a document called the Clyde Public Safety Scheme (CLYDEPUBSAFE) - more of that later. The other leaflets are standard national Radiological Protection Board publications which you may find of interest.

I feel sure that you are already well aware that nuclear powered submarines of the Royal Navy have been operating safely from the Clyde Submarine Base for over thirty years. Their reactor plants have been designed to be safe (and have to be, as Naval personnel live in the submarines) and they are maintained to the most stringent safety standards. There has never been any form of nuclear accident in a Royal Navy submarine and such an event is, by design, extremely unlikely. Nevertheless, it has always been Ministry of Defence policy that emergency procedures for the

protection of the public should be available and exercised. These emergency procedures have been developed over the years in conjunction with Local Authorities and are published under the auspices of a Local Liaison Committee as the Clyde Public Safety Scheme (CLYDEPUBSAFE). Copies of CLYDEPUBSAFE are held by all relevant Public Authorities. The Local Liaison Committee is comprised of elected representatives of the public as well as officials of all Local Authorities and Government Departments who would be involved in dealing with a radiation emergency. Details of the Faslane Local Liaison Committee membership are given in the list attached.

I should like to emphasise that I am writing to you now in the interests of greater public information and not because of any increased risk from submarine operations. If you would like further information or advice, the opportunity to view the CLYDEPUBSAFE document, or an audio version, please do not hesitate to contact the Base Environmental Support Department who will be only too happy to assist. (Telephone: 0436 74321 Ext 6221).

*Yours sincerely*

*John Trewhy*

Annex:

A. Local Liaison Committee Membership List

Enclosure:

1. Leaflets

ANNEX A TO  
NBC CLYDE'S M.2522/1/1  
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CLYDE AREA PUBLIC SAFETY SCHEME

<u>COMPOSITION OF LOCAL LIAISON COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVES</u>
Strathclyde Regional Council	2 Officials 2 Elected Members
Principal Emergency Planning Officer	1
Strathclyde Police	2
Strathclyde Fire Brigade	1
Argyll & Bute District Council	2
Dumbarton District Council	2
Renfrew District Council	1
Inverclyde District Council	1
Cunninghame District Council	1
Kyle & Carrick District Council	1
Greater Glasgow Health Board	1
Argyll & Clyde Health Board	1
Ayrshire & Arran Health Board	1
The Department of Clinical Physics & Bio Engineering	1
The Scottish Office Home & Health Department	1
The Scottish Office Environment Department (HM Industrial Pollution Inspectorate for Scotland)	1
The Scottish Office of Agriculture & Fisheries Department	4
The Clyde Port Authority	1
The Clyde River Purification Board	1
Scottish Nuclear Ltd, Hunterston	1
The Scottish Ambulance Service	1
UKAEA (Safety & Reliability Directorate)	1



**NAVAL REPRESENTATIVES**

Commodore Clyde (Chairman)

Chief Staff Officer (Nuclear)

Superintendent Royal Naval Armament Depot, Coulport

Chairman Naval Nuclear Technical Safety Panel

Naval Medical Officer of Health for Scotland

Public Relations Officer (Clyde)

Base Environmental Support Officer (Secretary)

**NOTE:** Additional members will be allowed to attend in exceptional circumstances, with the prior consent of the Chairman.