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RADIATION (EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION) REGULATIONS 2001 (REPPiR) - SOUTHAMPTON OPERATIONAL BERTH OFF-SITE EMERGENCY PLANNING AREA

Dear Mrs Baxendale and Mr Collins,

As you are aware, ONR has been re-determining the REPPiR off-site emergency planning area⁽¹⁾ and the area within which prior information is to be supplied to members of the public in relation to the Southampton Operational Berth as prescribed in REPPiR regulations 9(1) and 16(1) respectively.

This process was initiated by the Declaration of No Change sent to ONR by Navy Command (MOD) through the Defence Nuclear Safety Regulator (DNSR) relating to the Report of Assessment (RoA) for the naval reactor plant.

This determination also takes cognisance of ONR's principles for determination⁽²⁾ of such areas, and this letter is to inform Southampton City Council, as the lead local authority responsible under REPPiR for the preparation of the off-site emergency plan⁽³⁾ around the Southampton Operational Berth, of the following:

1. ONR notes that, in accordance with the requirements of REPPiR regulations 5 and 6, Navy Command (MOD) has reviewed its Hazard Identification and Risk Evaluation and Report of Assessment (RoA) for the naval reactor plant, and has submitted through DNSR a Declaration of No Change as provided under regulation 5(2) of REPPiR to ONR.
2. ONR has completed its assessment of the Declaration of No Change submission and concluded that it satisfies the requirements of regulation 6(4) and Schedule 5 of REPPiR, and that an off-site emergency plan continues to be required.
3. In accordance with regulation 9(1), ONR has determined the REPPiR off-site emergency planning area around the Southampton Operational Berths as the areas within the red line on map A attached to this letter. The area defined by this map may be generally described as:

- *An area extending beyond the minimum radial distance of 1.5 km from the centre point of the operational berth, with the boundary following in the main, the existing*



emergency plan boundary, the inner edges of roads, property boundaries and distinctive pathways on land, and with a radius of 1.5 km across all marine areas. It includes parts of Southampton to the north, Woolston to the east and Hythe in the south-west.

4. The enhanced planning area reflects the site specific application of ONR's revised principles and related guidance for determination of REPPiR off-site emergency planning areas (which were revised in 2013 and published on the ONR website in January 2014), and consideration of the existing off-site emergency planning area that extended beyond the minimum required circular area. The area is now defined by geographical features and the consideration of adjacent vulnerable communities. This represents the area within which additional off-site emergency planning would be of benefit in protecting the public and restricting exposures so far as is reasonably practicable in the event of a reasonably foreseeable radiation emergency. The changes are part of ONR's continuous improvement process to review emergency planning for the protection of the public in the unlikely event of a radiation emergency.
5. In addition to arrangements under REPPiR, the Defence Nuclear Safety Regulator requires under formal Authorisation Conditions (that are closely aligned with ONR Licence Conditions) adequate arrangements for dealing with any accident or emergency arising at the berth and its effects⁽⁴⁾, these arrangements are implemented by Navy Command (MoD).
6. As a result of this re-determination, and in accordance with REPPiR regulation 9(8), the Council is required to produce a revised off-site emergency plan within six months (or such longer period as the ONR may agree in writing)⁽⁵⁾ either from whichever is the later of the date of receipt of this letter, or from the receipt of such information from the operator as is necessary for the purposes of the preparation of such an off-site plan. The revised plan must apply to the areas defined in paragraph 3 above.
7. In accordance with regulation 16(1), ONR has also re-determined the area within which the operator must supply prior information under REPPiR to be the same area as identified within the red line on the map attached to this letter. Navy Command (MOD) has the legal duty to provide such specified information in this area, and a copy of the letter advising them of this is also attached.

Yours sincerely,

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Referenced Explanatory Notes:

(1) The Southampton Operational Berth REPPiR off-site emergency planning area is the area for which Southampton City Council as the lead local authority, is required, under REPPiR regulation 9(1), to produce an off-site emergency plan for the protection of persons who are, or potentially may be, located in this area in the event of a radiation emergency. The plans will include public information and a range of countermeasures and other protection measures relevant and proportionate to the radiological hazards associated with the berthed or anchored nuclear powered submarine at appropriate locations within all or part of this area. In developing the REPPiR off-site emergency plan, the local authority is required to consult a range of persons including the operators, ONR, the emergency services, the relevant health authority, and such other persons, bodies and authorities and members of the public as it considers appropriate.

(2) ONR's revised principles for determination of REPPiR off-site emergency planning areas can be found at: <http://www.onr.org.uk/depz-onr-principles.htm>

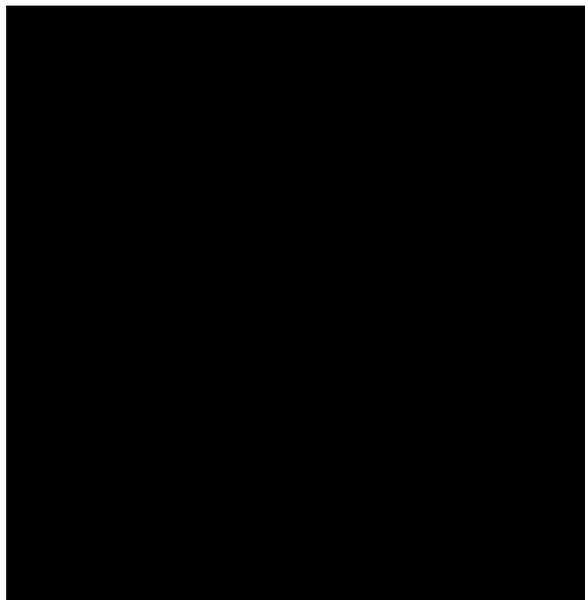
(3) The REPPiR off-site emergency planning area referred to in this letter is identified as the 'Detailed Emergency Planning Zone' (DEPZ) and comprises of a minimum radial distance of 1.5 km from the operational berth, in the Council's current SotonSafe Off-site Emergency Plan for the berth.

(4) The operator's on-site plan and its contribution to the off-site plan (eg. assistance with urgent countermeasures), and the off-site emergency plan put in place by the local authority, would be complemented by wider food restrictions as determined by the Food Standards Agency in accordance with the Food and Environment Protection Act, 1985.

(5) REPPiR regulation 9(8) allows ONR, at the request of the Council, to agree in writing a longer time period for revision in exceptional circumstances.

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Map A: SOUTHAMPTON OPERATIONAL BERTH REPPIR regulations 9(1) and 16(1) Off-site Emergency Planning and Off-site Prior Information Areas from 9th February 2016

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