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RADIATION (EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION) REGULATIONS 2019

Dear [REDACTED],

Modular tests of AWE Off-Site Emergency Plan 2020/21/22

As you will be aware, local authorities which have prepared an off-site emergency plan under regulation 11 of REPP19, are required to test that plan at intervals not exceeding 3 years.

Following the agreement of a delay to exercising due to the Covid response, you carried out a series of modular tests of particular aspects of the AWE off-site emergency plan¹ as follows:

- notification exercise,
- test of transport plan via a series of workshops (covering road and rail infrastructure separately),
- test of displaced person arrangements via a series of workshops,
- Test of Scientific & Technical Advisory Cell, via a test and a workshop, and a
- Test of Media Briefing Centre, via a test and a workshop.

In addition you carried out debriefs capturing the learning from each test or workshop, and have provided ONR with a copy of the Aldex Modules Debrief Report which captures the lessons and recommendations. Additionally, you captured learning from those aspects of your arrangements that were tested whilst responding in practice to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I am therefore writing to confirm that I am satisfied that this constituted a test of the AWE off-site plan, and that you have demonstrated compliance with regulation 12(1)(b).

Noting that the last test of complete arrangements was in November 2016, I recognise that you have started planning for a full exercise to be held in April 2023. I look

¹ West Berks Reg 12 para 363 report, November 2020

forward to continuing engagement with you and your team to capitalise on the substantial and important body of work that has been delivered by you and your team to comply with the REPPIR 2019 regulations.

Yours sincerely,

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