

Dear All,

The Health Protection Agency (HPA) welcomes the Government's consultation on the management of plutonium and agrees that it is appropriate that this is considered at this time. However, HPA is concerned that the only mention of health is to state that the 'chosen option must be capable of meeting health, safety and environmental requirements'. While this is obviously important, there should also be a recognition that the full radiological and health implications of the different options should be assessed and compared. This should consider the radiation exposures of workers and the public from all stages of the different options as well as the potential for accidental releases.

Regards

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