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Dear Stakeholder

**Further stakeholder engagement on revised proposals for a future exemptions regime under the Radioactive Substances Act 1993 and the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2011**

We are writing to invite your views on the proposals for a future exemptions regime under the Radioactive Substances Act 1993 (RSA 93) and the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2011 (EPR 2011). The UK Government has worked in partnership with the Devolved Administrations to revise the proposals across the UK following the consultation in summer 2009.

Following this technical engagement with users of the exemptions regime, we will consider fully your responses when finalising the exemptions regime for presentation to the legislative bodies through the relevant Ministers. In England and Wales, it is proposed that the outcome of the review, will be incorporated directly into the Environmental Permitting Regulations which are planned to come into force in April 2011. In Scotland and Northern Ireland, RSA 93 will be amended by regulations under the European Communities Act 1972 and new Exemption Orders will be made at the same time.

**The stakeholder engagement package**

The stakeholder engagement package can be found on the DECC website at: [http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/what\\_we\\_do/uk\\_supply/energy\\_mix/nuclear/radioactivity/decc/legislation/exempt\\_review/stakeholder/stakeholder.aspx](http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/what_we_do/uk_supply/energy_mix/nuclear/radioactivity/decc/legislation/exempt_review/stakeholder/stakeholder.aspx) Hard copies and alternative versions such as large print, Braille, audio or Welsh are also available by request from DECC. If you would like a copy in any of these formats, please contact Stephen Allen at the address below. Additional copies of this document can be made without seeking permission.

The engagement package includes the following documents:

- Engagement document (introducing this package and amendments following consultation)
- Draft Regulations for England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland

- Draft Government guidance to regulators
- Draft impact assessment
- Response form

The aim of this review is to introduce a new exemptions regime that is proportionate, legally-robust, risk-informed, flexible and transparent in its derivation whilst maintaining the current level of protection for human health and the environment. We would like to know whether you consider that this has been achieved.

To support the introduction of the new exemptions regime, an impact assessment has been produced; it is essential that stakeholders let us know whether this assessment is realistic and about any additional potential impacts not already considered. We would therefore be most grateful if you could respond to the specific questions highlighted in the impact assessment document with regards to the impact on your organisation.

### **How to respond**

Comments on the engagement package (including answers to specific questions set out in the draft impact assessment) are welcome, and a response form has been included to assist with your response. All responses will be considered before final decisions on the revised regime are taken.

Please note that this is a 8-week engagement exercise and responses must be received by **06 October 2010**. It is hoped that we will be able to hold stakeholder workshops in the week commencing 13 September. Details will follow in due course.

Wherever possible, consultees should submit comments by email to:  
[EO-Review@decc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:EO-Review@decc.gsi.gov.uk)

Responses can also be submitted by post to:

EO Review Team  
Area 3C  
Department of Energy and Climate Change  
3-8 Whitehall Place  
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A list of those organisations who are being contacted directly can be found attached to this letter. If you are aware of any other organisation that might be interested in seeing and commenting on the draft regulations, please let us know and we will inform them of it. Any such suggestions should be sent to the contact point shown above.

The telephone numbers for queries are 0300 068 6101 or 0300 068 6108.

### **Confidentiality statement**

In line with the Government's policy for openness, at the end of the engagement period copies of the responses we receive may be made publicly available on request. Requests of this kind should be made to:

EO Review Team  
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You should also be aware that there may be circumstances in which DECC will be required to communicate information to third parties on request, in order to comply with their obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. If you do not consent to your response being made public, you must clearly request that it be treated confidentially and explain why this is the case. We will take your justification into account when considering requests under freedom of information legislation. We are however unable to guarantee that we will always be able to keep those details confidential.

Please note, any confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system in email responses will not be treated as such a request.

We will summarise all responses and place this summary on our website. This summary will include a list of names of organisations that responded but not people's personal names, addresses or other contact details.

Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries or questions about the content of this engagement package please contact [eo-review@decc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:eo-review@decc.gsi.gov.uk)

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Chandler', written in a cursive style.

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Fire Industry Association  
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