Dalgety Bay Investigation Reports

The investigation of the nature, extent and hazards posed by radioactive contamination on the beach at Dalgety Bay is currently underway. This investigation is being undertaken by SEPA using the Radioactive Contaminated Land (Scotland) Regulations 2007 as a framework. This will require the production of a series of reports to assess the contamination in order to inform any necessary actions to ensure that the public and environment continue to be afforded an appropriate level of protection. The programme of reports is on our website, and includes reports that have been commissioned by both the MoD and SEPA. This report is part of this series and should be read in the context of all other related reports.

Whilst the full series of reports is being developed, a monthly monitoring and removal programme is being undertaken. This together with the signs providing advice to the public to wash their hands when leaving the beach and not to remove objects reduces the risks to the public from the radioactive contamination. The advice to avoid the demarcated area remains in place.

At present, providing the public follow the advice on the signs, the current risks to beach users are considered to be relatively low. In the event that the monitoring programme detects anything which requires further actions to protect the public this will be undertaken swiftly.

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