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Dear Mrs Watson

**RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES ACT 1993
EDF ENERGY NG LTD – TORNESS and HUNTERSTON B POWER STATIONS
APPLICATIONS TO DISPOSE OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE**

Thank you for your recent letter in respect of the applications that SEPA has received from EDF Nuclear Generation Ltd under section 17 of the Radioactive Substances Act 1993 (RSA93) to vary the limitations and conditions of the Authorisations held for Torness and Hunterston B Power Stations, certificate numbers RSA/A/0070116 and RSA/A/0070022 respectively.

I note that the aim of the requested variations is to increase the number of disposal routes for radioactive waste to off site facilities. Your letter summarised the requested variation in four parts. I have used your numbering scheme in this response for ease of reference.

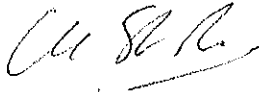
1. I note this is in line with current SEPA policy on the regulation of disposal of radioactive low level waste from nuclear sites and therefore have no comments to make.
2. This variation provides flexibility to make use of treatment routes in the UK and overseas that may be able to produce a disposable waste product from wastes accumulated on the sites that presently has no disposal route. The transfers will need to be compliant with the appropriate transport regulations.
3. I note this is in line with current SEPA policy on the regulation of disposal of radioactive low level waste from nuclear sites and therefore have no comments to make.
4. This will need to be handled carefully as there is likely to be significant levels of stakeholder interest in inter-site transfers of radioactive waste between the two Scottish sites. This will require to be managed by the licensee as appropriate. It will also be

necessary to ensure that there are no adverse operational impacts for the receiving site. I would expect the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) will require to be satisfied concerning the security, safeguards and safety of any transfers between the sites.

Finally, I note that there is no request to change any of the existing limits for liquid and gaseous discharges to the environment from either site.

I trust this letter will be sufficient for your purposes.

Yours sincerely



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