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Our Ref: RSA-02-14  
HUNTB/TORNESS

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24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2014

**RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES ACT 1993**

**APPLICATION REFERENCES:**

**HNB/RSA/VARIATION/2013 – Application for variation to RSA/A/0070022**

**TOR/RSA/VARIATION/2013 – Application for variation to RSA/A/0070116**

**APPLICANT: EDF Nuclear Energy Generation Ltd, Hunterston B and  
Torness Power Stations**

Dear Ms Watson,

I am responding to your letter of 20<sup>th</sup> January 2014 seeking our views on the above variations for Hunterston B Power Station and Torness Power Station.

We understand that the variation request for each station is the same and hence SEPA has decided to carry out a single consultation covering both applications.

We note that the applications relate to the:

- removal of constraints on the transfers of radioactive waste generated at these stations to third parties for treatment and/or disposal.
- introduction of the ability to receive waste for the purpose of interim storage and onward disposal.

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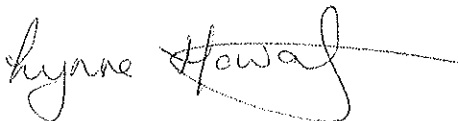
- update of the company name appearing on the authorisation to "EDF Energy Nuclear Generation Ltd".

Where wastes are transferred to a third party, EDF Energy has contractual and procedural arrangements to ensure that waste is sent in compliance with the receiving sites Waste Acceptance Criteria. We note that the receiving sites will be regulated by the appropriate regulator and any subsequent releases to the environment will be reflected in the receiving sites authorisation or environmental permit.

We note that EDF Energy is not applying to vary the parts of the existing authorisations that control discharges of radioactivity to a water body or the atmosphere. Where the stations receive waste for interim storage, there will be no processing or treatment of waste and therefore no impact on the stations gaseous or liquid discharges. There will also be no long-term storage of waste transferred to the stations for another site.

Given the nature of the application, the Food Standards Agency has no objection on the grounds of food safety.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynne Howat". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lynne Howat  
Policy Advisor