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Dear Stakeholder

**PUBLICATION OF HSE CRITERION FOR DELICENSING NUCLEAR SITES**

This is to inform you that the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has published its criterion for delicensing parts of, or entire sites licensed under the Nuclear Installations Act 1965.

The policy statement, 'HSE Criterion for Delicensing Nuclear Sites' forms the policy basis from which HSE can establish from its own assessment, from the licensee's evidence, and through information from other regulatory bodies concerned with the site, that any residual radioactivity on the site, additional to the natural background, represents 'no danger'. Once the licensee demonstrates that it can meet HSE's criterion of 'no danger' then HSE will be able to make a decision on delicensing all or part of a site.

The policy statement 'HSE Criterion for Delicensing Nuclear Sites' (available in English and Welsh Language versions) can be accessed at the following website addresses:

[www.hse.gov.uk/nuclear/delicensing.pdf](http://www.hse.gov.uk/nuclear/delicensing.pdf) and [www.hse.gov.uk/nuclear/delicensingwelsh.pdf](http://www.hse.gov.uk/nuclear/delicensingwelsh.pdf)

The Health and Safety Commission consulted on HSE's proposed policy statement for delicensing during the period 01May – 31 July 2004, and the policy statement has been slightly modified as a result of comments received. A summary of the main points made and HSE's response can be viewed in Annex A the HSC paper HSC/05/30 (HSC/0530a) at the following website address:

[www.hse.gov.uk/aboutus/hsc/meetings/2005/260705/ca07.htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/aboutus/hsc/meetings/2005/260705/ca07.htm)

I should be grateful if you could pass this message on to other parties who you think may be interested.

Yours faithfully

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