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Dear Neighbour

As you are aware, you are within the Detailed Emergency Planning Zone for Heysham Power Stations and as such you are receiving this letter due to changes in the regulations with regards to nuclear installations across the country and we wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with an update. With the changes in legislation, the Detailed Emergency Planning Zone has been reviewed and you can view the revised Zone in the attached map with this letter.

The Detailed Emergency Planning Zone is the area where Lancashire County Council and EDF Energy have identified there is a need to have in place emergency arrangements which can be readily implemented, providing prompt protection to those who would be likely to be affected in the event of a radiation emergency. The protective actions which could be taken within this zone include sheltering indoors and taking stable iodine tablets and, in extreme circumstances, evacuation.

The Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations (REPPiR) have been in place for many years, since 2001 and have recently been revised. Lancashire County Council and the EDF Energy, along with multi-agency partners, have worked together to ensure compliance with the regulations, but more importantly, ensuring the safety and protection of the general population close to the site.

It is important to note that the risk at the site remains the same. The changes to the area are part of the process of improving the existing off-site emergency planning arrangements as per REPPiR 19.

Lancashire County Council has proportionately applied the principles detailed in the regulations in regard to the shape of the boundaries of the detailed emergency planning zone. This will ensure enhanced arrangements may be put in place to protect vulnerable groups and the general public in a larger and more readily defined area around the site.

EDF Energy Heysham Power Stations has operated successfully and safely since operations began at Heysham 1 in 1983 and Heysham 2 in 1988. Heysham Power Stations are proud of their safety record and constantly strive to improve on it. The likelihood of an incident occurring on site which could affect local residents is very remote, however, it is still vital that local residents understand the potential hazards associated with the materials handled at the site and know what to do in an emergency. The changes to the Detailed Emergency Planning Zone as the attached map shows, allows us to work with you and any questions you may have can be proactively answered.

One of the key changes in the revised regulations, is previously Site Operators were responsible for prior information to residents and businesses within the DEPZ. However, now under the revised regulations, the responsibility now rests with the Local Authorities, in this case Lancashire County

Council. Please note though, that as previously, Lancashire County Council and EDF Energy will continue to work as close together as ever before and continue to build on those excellent relationships moving forwards.

As has been the case previously, within the Detailed Emergency Planning Zone, you will still receive the normal calendar and leaflet every year. Within the calendar, it details the protective actions you will need to take in response to a radiation emergency. With this letter, we have outlined these actions you may need to take, to ensure you have the up to date information. It is worth noting, you should all have stable iodine tablets with a leaflet that explains the instructions on using them. To make you aware and using this opportunity as a way of a reminder, the tablets will be due for renewal next year, 2021, so we will be in touch nearer the time on how we will be proceeding with this. You should also expect to receive the normal calendar and leaflet towards the end of this year.

In addition to this, whilst the likelihood of a release of radioactivity is extremely small, Lancashire County Council and EDF Energy are committed to ensuring the protection of the public in all events. For this reason we are continuing the EDF Energy system the "Public Emergency Telephone Information System" (PETIS) to provide an early warning to residents should an accident occur, as an addition to public warning messaging from the emergency services.

The system enables EDF Energy to send an automated telephone message to predetermined numbers to warn of a radioactive release and provide initial instructions. The system can also be used throughout an incident in collaboration with the emergency services to provide further information and instruction. You can find further details on the system on the calendar.

Further information can be obtained from the Lancashire County Council website, which has a number of key documents to read including all prior information, a Questions & Answers briefing document and various links to other key organisation websites. A link to all this information has been provided for you to go to:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/council/strategies-policies-plans/emergency-planning/emergency-plans/reppir-plans/>

If you require any further information, you can contact Lancashire County Council Health, Safety and Resilience Service who can be contacted on 0300 123 6701 or by e-mail to enquiries@lancashire.gov.uk. Alternatively you can contact the Off-Site Emergency Planning Lead for EDF Energy on 01452 654841 or email at joshua.tarling@edf-energy.com.

Regards



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