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Dear Neighbour

You are receiving this letter due to changes in the regulations in relation to nuclear installations across the country and as such with changes to legislation, we are now informing you that you are now within the Detailed Emergency Planning Zone for EDF Energy Heysham Power Stations.

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 engage to ensure 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 through, 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.

Now that you are within the Detailed Emergency Planning Zone for Heysham Power Stations, every year you will receive a calendar and leaflet. 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. You should also expect to receive the calendar and leaflet towards the end of this year.

We are committed to ensuring protection of the public in all events, and one of these methods is distribution of stable iodine tablets. We are working closely with our partners in Public Health to ensure we can deliver these with social distancing measures remaining in place. We will be communicating with you about this in the not too distant future. Be rest assured during this period whilst you do not have the tablets, we have contingency plans to distribute them in place in unlikely event of an off-site incident.

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 EDF Energy have initiated 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.

To comply with data protection laws the system is "opt in", meaning that you are required to proactively sign up and provide your contact details. This letter includes a registration form for the PETIS system. We would encourage you to complete this card and return it in the prepaid envelope provided.

Further information can be obtained from the Lancashire County Council website, which has a number of key documents to read through 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 <u>enquiries@lancashire.gov.uk</u>. 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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