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Dear Neighbour

As you are aware, you are within the Detailed Emergency Planning Zone for Springfields Fuels Limited and as such you are receiving this letter due to changes in the regulations with regards to nuclear installations 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 Springfields Fuels Limited 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, 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 Springfields Fuels Limited, along with multi-agency partners, have worked together to ensure they are complying 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 2019.

Lancashire County Council has proportionately applied the principles as 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.

Springfields Fuels Limited has operated successfully and safely since operations began at the site in 1946. Springfields Fuels Limited 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 have can be proactively answered.

One of the key changes in the revised regulations, is that previously Site Operators were responsible for prior information to residents and businesses within the Detailed Emergency Planning Zone. 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 Springfields Fuels Limited 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. The next issue will be received in December 2020. To enforce the protective actions and instructions that come with the calendar, please find attached a leaflet which outlines the protective actions you may need to undertake.

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 enquiries@lancashire.gov.uk. Alternatively you can contact the Springfields Fuels Limited Community Relations Manager on 01772 763343 or email to Springfields.enquiries@westinghouse.com.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Wilton'.

Alan Wilton
Head of Health, Safety & Resilience Service
Lancashire County Council