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## HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION

### Nuclear Safety Advisory Committee (NuSAC) Work Plan for April 07 to October 08

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#### Issue

1. Steve Vbranch, Chair of NuSAC, has written to the Chair of the Commission to submit the NuSAC's revised work plan which aims to better align NuSAC's work with the Commission's strategy.

#### Timing

2. Routine.

#### Recommendation

3. That the Commission agree the NuSAC work plan.

#### Background

4. Following the reconstitution of NuSAC in 2005 a three year forward work plan was approved by the Commission (October 2005 paper no HSC/05/119). The plan cross referenced the activities of NuSAC in accordance with the HSC's indicative criteria for prioritising resources. NuSAC have now produced the attached (Annex 1) revised work plan so that it is structured to better align with the Commission's wishes for a more strategic approach. The revised plan covers the period until October 2008 when NuSAC is due to be reconstituted. The NuSAC Secretariat is already considering the process to lead to this reconstitution, taking account of the forthcoming merger of the Commission and HSE.

#### Argument

5. The Revised plan is divided into themes. NuSAC are moving to more task orientated work streams and have established task forces to deal with:
  - Regulatory frameworks,
  - Interfaces between organisations,
  - Safety culture issues (as identified by the 2005 THORP leak incident),
  - The International Commission on Radiological Protection's recommendations,
  - Potential new build issues.

6. This paper also provides (at Annex 2) an outline of the detailed activities required to deliver the work plan during 2008. This takes account of recent requests from HSE's Nuclear Directorate (ND) for NUSAC advice on specific matters. The delivery plan is therefore also aligned with ND's operational priorities.

### **Consultation**

7. The Plan was drafted by NuSAC in consultation with HSE's Nuclear Directorate.

### **Presentation**

8. There are no presentational issues from this paper.

### **Costs and Benefits**

9. As the revised plan is now better aligned with the Commission's strategy it provides the opportunity for a greater delivery of the Commission's objectives for little or no additional resources.

### **Financial/Resource Implications for HSE**

10. See para 9 above.

### **Environmental and other Implications**

11. None from this paper.

### **Action**

12. The Commission are asked to agree the proposed plan of work. This can be achieved via a letter from the Chair. The Commission are therefore asked, through Robin Dahlberg (the Commission Champion on Nuclear issues) to agree a suitable response.