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Report to July 2008 NuSAC Meeting from Review Group 5

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1. There has been no significant reportable activity by Review Group 5 during the period since the last NuSAC meeting in April 2008.

Forthcoming Activity

2. A meeting with the Atomic Weapons Establishment is to be arranged to discuss further its strategy for skills retention and acquisition. This will be made in conjunction with Andrew Clarke (RG1) and should enable us to obtain helpful detail about the very positive approach presented during the RG5 visit in early March.

3. It is intended to visit Barrow to see the nuclear operations carried out there by BAE Systems Submarine Solutions. Pam Duerden is to make contact with the company's Head of Nuclear Safety Regulation to fix a suitable date.

4. A follow-up visit is planned to Devonport Royal Dockyard to assess progress since the RG5 visit of June 2007 and to see how things have changed under the new owners, Babcock Marine.

5. Given the absence from the July meeting of the RG5 Convenor, an opportunity will be found to get Group members together to discuss the RG5 strategy and forward programme. Issues have arisen from various sources in the defence sector which merit attention suggesting that the workplan and its priorities would benefit from review, and possibly revision.
