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Dear [REDACTED]

### Burghfield PRS – Civil Engineering Progress

Our Civil Engineering specialist assessor, [REDACTED] has brought to my attention his concerns at the lack of progress on the letting of two contracts for investigative work in the facility. These contracts concern the testing of a method to inspect the integrity of concrete walls and the inspection of brick ties in [REDACTED]. It was understood that both of these contracts would be in place earlier this year. However, we believe that the delay in placing them may delay progress addressing shortfalls highlighted in the PRS, raising concerns that associated remediation work may extend beyond the September decision date.

NII views this work with a significant level of importance. I would therefore appreciate an update on when the contracts are likely to be let, whilst reminding you that any delays in the investigative work may have serious implications for the PRS.

Please contact me at the above address if you require further clarification on this matter. I will be sending a copy to [REDACTED] of DNSR at Abbeywood.

Yours sincerely,

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HM Principal Inspector (Nuclear Installations)

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