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FAO: [REDACTED] AWE Burghfield [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Burghfield Assembly Facility – Periodic Review of Safety

NII arrangements require it to provide licensees with a draft response to a PRS submission 3 months prior to the decision date.

NII notes that AWE is making every endeavour to address as many as possible of the shortfalls identified in the PRS. However, there is still a substantial amount of outstanding work that is to be completed and it may not be possible for the NII team to assess the remediation of the shortfalls with the appropriate level of attention prior to the decision date. Moreover, AWE has identified a number of shortfalls that will not be completed by the decision date. In addition, production of the new overarching safety case will not be submitted to NII until mid-September and, since it will be based on the plant state as of September 2006, will not reflect the as-modified facility.

It is therefore likely that the decision regarding the adequacy of your safety review to support future activities on the Burghfield licensed site will be an interim decision, subject to a number of agreed work packages and demonstration that risks from operation of the facility continue to be ALARP.

I also envisage that the current permissioning regime will continue beyond the PRS decision date. Permissions will be granted on the basis of satisfactory progress against a

schedule of agreed deliverables aimed at ensuring adequate progress with remediation works. This situation is likely to continue at least until the following conditions have been met:

- Completion of all identified PRS shortfalls to an agreed standard
- A further review has been undertaken that reconciles the new facility safety case with PRS remediation work and additional identified shortfalls
- Remediation of [REDACTED] crane completed to an agreed standard

We are encouraged that AWE continue to work with NII specialist assessors to assist with assessment of shortfalls identified in the PRS. I also look forward to further discussions with you over the coming months to identify and agree the way forward on the above bullet points. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss the contents of this letter further.

I am copying this letter to [REDACTED] of NWR at Abbeywood.

Yours sincerely,

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HM Principal Inspector (Nuclear Installations)

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