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Dear Mr Large

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: HC/03548/09

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act was received by the Freedom of Information Section at Hampshire Constabulary on October 26th 2009. I note you seek access to the following information:

I refer specifically to the SOTONSAFE Off-Site Emergency Plan in accord with the Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations 2001 (REPIR) and, generally, with the Home Office Strategic Guidance on the Decontamination of People Exposed to Chemical, Biological or Nuclear (CBRN) Substances or Material, 2003. I am seeking information regarding police service personnel attending an incident involving radioactivity from a nuclear powered submarine berthed in Southampton Docks. In this respect I ask:

- For those Hampshire Constabulary employees engaged in the radiation emergency (ie Reg 14 of REPIR), that is those who have been instructed to attend the incident to participate in the off-site radiological situation as distinct from those who may be subject to radiation exposure when going about their normal duties not connected with the radiation incident, is there:
 - i) an agreement between the Constabulary and its employees specifying a radiation dose limitation system and, if so, please provide a copy of this agreement; and
 - ii) are Constabulary employees subject to Regulation 14, particularly Reg 14(1)(a), (b) and (c), and (5)(b)(i) when participating in REPIR activities and at risk of exposure to ionising radiations.
- In respect of its possible involvement berthed nuclear powered submarine incident at Southampton, has the Constabulary received any specific advice from
 - i) either SCC and/or the Ministry of Defence, or any agency acting on behalf thereof, relating the radiation dose exposure levels anticipated or projected for Constabulary employees going about their prescribed duties and tasks



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- in the emergency zones (as determined by SOTONSAFE, including the zone extendibility to a 10 km radius for the incident site) and, if it has, then please provide a copy of this advice;
- ii) have individual employees of the Constabulary been nominated for working in a potential radiological environment and, if so, please provide the training and resourcing levels of these individuals; and
 - iii) has the Constabulary made appropriate arrangements and established the correct protocols for the temporary isolation and decontamination of vehicles, equipment and personnel upon return from any radiological contaminated area and, if it has, please provide a copy of these arrangements and protocols?

Your request will now be considered in accordance with the legislation and you will receive a response within the statutory timescale of 20 working days, subject to the provisions of the Act. In the unlikely event that Hampshire Constabulary is unable to meet the 20 working day deadline, you will be informed as soon as possible and given a revised time-scale for response.

To be accepted, any clarification(s) to your request must be submitted in writing directly to the FOI Team at Hampshire Constabulary.

If your request requires either full or partial transference to another public authority, you will be informed. Should you have any further inquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact Rebecca Shepherd on telephone number 01962 814789 quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Shepherd
Freedom of Information Officer