

Memorandum

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To: **FoI** Hampshire Constabulary

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From: **John H Large**

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Cc: David Hoadley - SCANS

Subject: **SOTONSAFE – WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER PRESENTATION**

Large & Associates has been instructed by the Solent Coalition Against Nuclear Ships (SCANS) to present its interests at a forthcoming public meeting to be convened by Southampton City Council (SCC) on 4 November 2009. Confirmation of this instruction may be obtained from David Hoadley, Chair of the Coalition (dhoadley@phonecoop.coop).

I refer specifically to the SOTONSAFE Off-Site Emergency Plan in accord with the *Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations 2001* (REPPiR) 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:

- 1) For those Hampshire Constabulary employees engaged in the radiation emergency (ie *Reg 14* of REPPiR), 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 REPPiR activities and at risk of exposure to ionising radiations.
- 2) 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 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?

As previously noted, this information requested is in support the presentation to be given the SCC on 4th November and, accordingly, it would assist if you are able to respond to this request and provide the information in good time before the presentation date. In your response, please refer to my order of itemisation above.

If you consider this to be a request under the *Freedom of Information Act 2000* then it is appropriate that I note to you that S10 of the Act requires you to respond '*promptly and in any event not later than the twentieth working day*' from the date of receipt of the request.