

# Memorandum

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To: **Lesley Turpin** Performance Review Administrator

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From: **John H Large**

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Cc: David Hoadley – SCANS

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

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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](mailto: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 Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service personnel attending an incident involving radioactivity released from a nuclear powered submarine berthed in Southampton Docks. In this respect I ask:

- 1) For those Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service personnel attending a radiation emergency (ie *Reg 14* of REPPiR), that is those who have been instructed to attend the incident 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) a local agreement between the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service and its employees specifying a radiation dose limitation system;
  - ii) if there is a local agreement, does this in any way contravene and/or exempt the national agreement and/or guidance on limitation of incident, monthly and annual radiation exposure for males, females of reproductive age, and females in a declared term of pregnancy;
  - iii) please provide a copy of the ionising radiation dose limitation system (local or national) that Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service personnel will be subject to when attending any incident in a declared SOTONSAFE radiation emergency; and
  - iv) please state the policy and/or protocol for continuing attendance of crews of firefighters should one or more members of a crew reach and/or exceed the individual dose limit, be it the lower or zero incident limit for female firefighters (as this might apply), or where an individual firefighter has reached and/or exceeded the incident, monthly or yearly cumulative dose (or whatever applies).

- 2) In respect of its possible involvement berthed nuclear powered submarine incident at Southampton, has the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service received any specific advice from the
- i) Home Office;
  - ii) been advised by either SCC and/or the Ministry of Defence, or any agency acting on behalf thereof, on the nature of its required involvement together with the projected dose rates and exposures and, if it has, then please provide a copy of this advice;

As previously noted, this information requested is in support the presentation to be given the SCC on 4<sup>th</sup> 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.