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From: **John H Large** 13 January 2010

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Sultan Khan - National Oceanography Centre

Subject: **NATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHY CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON -  
SOTONSAFE EMERGENCY PLAN – FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000  
REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY PLANNING/EVACUATION SCHEME**

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You will recall my previous request for information in connection with the Southampton City Council SOTONSAFE Off-Site Emergency Plan as required under the *Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations 2001* (REPPiR). With this 2<sup>nd</sup> request I am seeking information about the arrangements in place (planned for) at the National Oceanography Centre (Centre) located in the Eastern Dock Area during and/or following a radiological incident involving a nuclear powered submarine berthed at N<sup>o</sup> 38 Berth.

My understanding of the SotonSafe emergency arrangements is that the whole of the Eastern Dock area, including all persons located at the Centre, is to be evacuated at a *Category 1* level of incident. According to SotonSafe, the Centre is to activate its own response, including the issue of Potassium Iodate Tablets (PITS) to its staff and occupants, these PITS are to be taken before each individual self-evacuates via Dock Gate 4.

My request is for you to provide a full copy of:

- 1) The written arrangements prepared by the Centre describing and detailing plans and actions to be undertaken by the National Oceanography Centre upon notification of a *Category 1* (or higher) incident as specified in SotonSafe V5;
- 2) an estimate of the number of individuals (staff, students and all other persons) likely to be in attendance at the Centre during the hours of a typical, in term working day;
- 3) if the arrangements have been rehearsed and, if so, a copy of the assessment of this;
- 4) a copy of any information provided to (or to be provided prior to or during the time when a nuclear powered submarine is at Berth 38) individuals at the Centre that is in addition to the information provided under *Schedules 7, 9 and 10* of REPPiR.

In responding to this request you might wish to take account of a similar request M3185-A20 of 19 November 2009 made to Southampton City Council<sup>1</sup> and the Council's response of 4 December 2009.<sup>2</sup>

Finally, I have addressed this *Freedom of Information Act* request to you personally because you managed my previous request. However, you may wish to pass it to a colleague at the National Oceanography Centre (Sultan Khan at [sk@noc.soton.ac.uk](mailto:sk@noc.soton.ac.uk)) or directly to the Information Officer of the University.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.largeassociates.com/3185%20SOTONSAFE/M3185-A20.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.largeassociates.com/3185%20SOTONSAFE/FOI%20Disclosure%20letter%20to%20John%20Large%20Associates%201%20Dec%2009%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.largeassociates.com/3185%20SOTONSAFE/FOI%20Disclosure%20letter%20to%20John%20Large%20Associates%201%20Dec%2009%20(2).pdf)