

LETTER FOR PUBLICATION

Sir - The nuclear safety regulator asserts (letters 5 October – Colin Patchett, HSE Nuclear Directorate) that we at the *Shut Down Sizewell Campaign* peddle unsubstantiated opinion whereas the regulator acts only on facts.

Let the facts speak for themselves: we were first to expose the regulator's failure to prosecute Sizewell A over the radioactive release and near miss fuel fire back in 2007; we exposed Sizewell B's recurrent neglect to properly test nuclear safety critical valves over the last fifteen years; and we highlighted and took to task both the Sizewell B operator and the regulator for their failings over the recent forced shut down due to faulty nuclear circuit components.

We have substantiated our opinion with hard won facts, extracted from an often taciturn regulator via the Freedom of Information Act, and we have our facts checked by the independent nuclear Consulting Engineers Large & Associates. Unlike, that is, the nuclear safety regulator who, for this most recent Sizewell B forced shut down, is only prepared to make public a somewhat cagily worded press release drawn from its own investigative report that remains a secret document.

Let the local community judge for themselves: either, take the glib and largely unsubstantiated assurances of the nuclear safety regulator or face the facts that we rely upon for our opinion.

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Sizewell A and B are accessible at
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