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Dear [REDACTED]

**HINKLEY POINT B
GAS BYPASS CONTAMINATION EVENT ON 16 JULY 2009
CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF CONTRACTORS**

1. I wish to draw your attention to NII letter HPB71673R sent to Hinkley Point B and dated 16th September 2009. The letter raises a number of findings from a recent NII investigation into an event at Hinkley Point B on 16th July 2009 involving the contamination of 8 workers in the gas bypass plant.
2. Letter HPB 71673R identifies a numbers of shortfalls, the most significant being a lack of adequate control and supervision of the work being undertaken. It is my opinion that the identified deficiencies have implications across the BE fleet. The control and supervision of work undertaken by contractors during outages being of particular concern. I am aware that BE intends to roll out new fleet wide arrangement for the management of contractors. I therefore request that you take appropriate action to ensure that these new arrangements take full cognisance of the event at Hinkley Point B and are revised as appropriate. Could you please confirm that this will be undertaken.
3. I understand that the new arrangement for the management of contractors will be first rolled out at the Heysham 2 outage as a pilot. It is our intention to carry out an enhanced audit of the arrangements during that outage to ensure that they are suitable and will address the problems evident from the event at Hinkley Point B.

4. If you require any clarification regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely


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