Email Message

From: [redacted]
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Sent: 17/08/2009 at 10:11
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Subject: RE: Incident at Hinkley B -- Draft reponse

[redacted],
A good response and we need to be cautious - whilst we are wanting to be as helpful as possible this event is outside or area of responsibility. We must not speculate and as you have already done - we must point [redacted] in the right direction - either HPA-RPD or NII (or both) or the station.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 14 August 2009 18:04
To: [redacted]
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Subject: FW: Incident at Hinkley B -- Draft reponse

DRAFT Response for comment:
Dear [redacted]

We were informed of the event by British Energy on the day that it happened and we have not covered up anything, however we considered what we were told by British Energy and after discussion with the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate we agreed that it was a safety matter rather than an environmental one.

Discharges to the environment were via authorised filter disposal routes and the discharges were not increased by the event.

We have not received any information that indicated the event was more serious than reported in the media, and it is worth bearing in mind that vomiting can may many causes other than radiation eg nerves, shock or fear of radiation.

If you need further information it would be best if you contacted either British Energy (telephone .) or the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate (telephone .). We have not received any documentation on this event and the only document I have is a internal notification form used to bring the event to the notice of Environment Agency management, this notice was raised in case the event generated media interest.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 14 August 2009 17:28
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Subject: Incident at Hinkley B

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Dear [redacted]

I have received three independent reports that suggest that events at Hinkley B in mid July were more serious than indicated in press reports.

The landlord of some of the affected workers phoned me to say one of them had vomitted after the event. This raises some concern as vomitting is a symptom of radiation sickness and indicates a higher dose than one would receive in a dental visit.
The lanlord went on to say the workers (he thought seven but the press later said eight) were working on the boilers. Could you confirm this? The media release was more vague referring to a corridoor. Of course the boiler area is potentially very radioactive.

Two other sources by email suggested there had been a cover up by EdF and the Environment Agency.
Could you provide as much documentaion on the event as possible?

Yours

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