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Dear SSG Member

I am writing to all Site Stakeholder Group members following some inaccurate reporting of an incident that occurred last week at the station. As you know, such incidents are reported through the formal procedures that both EDF Energy and our regulators follow. However, some of the media reporting has bordered on the sensationalist and I wanted to reassure you as to the true nature of the event.

On Thursday 16 July 2009, at the R3 Reactor, currently shutdown during its statutory outage, a corridor in the gas bypass plant became contaminated during valve replacement activities. The release was quickly identified and as a precautionary measure all personnel were asked to leave the radiation controlled area while a clean up recovery programme was undertaken.

An event recovery team was setup to manage the event, led by the station's technical & safety support manager. Eight individuals working in the area were identified as having received very low levels of contamination. Each individual was decontaminated and received the appropriate support onsite.

As a routine precaution, the individuals were later independently assessed at the Health Protection Agency's Harwell facility in Oxfordshire. The initial maximum whole body dose to any individual was found to be around 5microSv, which is comparable to a dental X-ray. The Government sets a limit of 20 milliSieverts as the permitted annual dose for a radiation worker, which is some 4,000 times higher than 5 microSv.

No injuries were sustained and there was no threat to members of the public or to the integrity of the plant. The associated reactor unit, R3, is on its statutory outage, while the second unit is unaffected and continues to operate as normal.

Naturally, I am disappointed that the event occurred at all, and the station and our regulators are pursuing independent investigations to ensure that all appropriate lessons are learnt from this incident. Safety remains our number one priority at Hinkley and I felt it important to reassure you that the station responded quickly and effectively to this incident.

Yours sincerely

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