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Dear Neighbour,

You are receiving this letter due to changes in the regulations in relation to nuclear installations across the country and as such with changes to legislation, we are now informing you that you are now within the Detailed Emergency Planning Zone for EDF Energy Hartlepool Power Station.

The Detailed Emergency Planning Zone is the area where Hartlepool Borough Council and EDF Energy have identified there is a need to have in place emergency arrangements which can be readily implemented, providing prompt protection to those who would be likely to be affected in the event of a radiation emergency. The protective actions which could be taken within this zone include sheltering indoors and taking stable iodine tablets and, in extreme circumstances, evacuation.

The Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations (REPPiR) have been in place for many years, since 2001 and have recently been revised. Hartlepool Borough Council and EDF Energy, along with multi-agency partners, have worked together to ensure compliance with the regulations, but more importantly, ensuring the safety and protection of the general population close to the site.

It is important to note that the risk at the site remains the same. The changes to the area are part of the process of improving the existing off-site emergency planning arrangements as per REPPiR 19.

Hartlepool Borough Council has proportionately applied the principles detailed in the regulations in regard to the shape of the boundaries of the detailed emergency planning zone. This will ensure enhanced arrangements may be put in place to protect vulnerable groups and the general public in a larger and more readily defined area around the site.

EDF Energy Hartlepool Power Station has operated successfully and safely since operations began 1983. Hartlepool Power Station is proud of its safety record and constantly strive to improve on it. The likelihood of an incident occurring on site which

could affect local residents is very remote, however, it is still vital that local residents understand the potential hazards associated with the materials handled at the site and know what to do in an emergency. The changes to the Detailed Emergency Planning Zone as the attached map shows, allows us to work with you and engage to ensure any questions you may have can be proactively answered.

One of the key changes in the revised regulations, is previously Site Operators were responsible for prior information to residents and businesses within the DEPZ. However, now under the revised regulations, the responsibility now rests with the Local Authorities, in this case Hartlepool Borough Council. Please note through, that as previously, Hartlepool Borough Council and EDF Energy will continue to work as close together as ever before and continue to build on those excellent relationships moving forwards.

Now that you are within the Detailed Emergency Planning Zone for Hartlepool Power Station, every year you will receive a calendar and leaflet. Within the calendar, it details the protective actions you will need to take in response to a radiation emergency. With this letter, we have outlined these actions you may need to take, to ensure you have the up to date information. You should also expect to receive the calendar and leaflet towards the end of this year.

We are committed to ensuring protection of the public in all events, and one of these methods is distribution of stable iodine tablets. We are working closely with our partners in EDF and Public Health to ensure we can deliver these with social distancing measures remaining in place.

You should receive some tablets direct from EDF but in order to make sure you have ample tablets to cover you and your workforce we need to know if you require any additional. If you do could you contact Cleveland Emergency Planning Unit on 01642 301514 to leave your name and details and how many extra tablets you would require and we will make sure you receive them.

In addition to this, whilst the likelihood of a release of radioactivity is extremely small, Hartlepool Borough Council and EDF Energy are committed to ensuring the protection of the public in all events. For this reason EDF Energy have initiated the “Public Emergency Telephone Information System” (PETIS) to provide an early warning to residents should an accident occur, as an addition to public warning messaging from the emergency services.

The system enables EDF Energy to send an automated telephone message to predetermined numbers to warn of a radioactive release and provide initial instructions. The system can also be used throughout an incident in collaboration with the emergency services to provide further information and instruction.

To comply with data protection laws the system is “opt in”, meaning that you are required to proactively sign up and provide your contact details. The Calendar you will receive has a registration form for the PETIS system. We would encourage you to complete this card and return it in the prepaid envelope provided.

Further information can be obtained from the Hartlepool Borough Council website, which has a number of key documents to read through including all prior information, a briefing document and various links to other key organisation websites.

If you require any further information, you can contact the Emergency Planning Unit on 01642 301515 or by e-mail to epuadmin@hartlepool.gov.uk . Alternatively you can contact the Off-Site Emergency Planning Lead for EDF Energy on 01452 654841 or email at joshua.tarling@edf-energy.com.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Hanson', written in a cursive style.

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