

To: Mark Foy, Chief Nuclear Inspector,
and Adrienne Kelbie, Chief Executive,
Office for Nuclear Regulation

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Dear Adrienne and Mark

It seems Stop Hinkley's despair at the latest Silo incident has united with other NGOs' concerns over the basic principles that there is no proper independent scrutiny over the work of EDF. To rely on a company to police its own actions is not delivering a democratic/credible process which we need to see and you surely want to uphold.

Time and time again since the application process of HPC we have seen situations arise that have not allowed any challenge to EDF. The public engagements feel like a tick box exercise when the boxes available are extremely restricted. They can say they have consulted when the reality has been some sort of smoke screening of the truth, with confusion and overload of information to mask the true situation. Clarity and transparency and honesty we deserve to see from an industry that affects us all.

We seem to spend our time looking for the real truth which shouldn't be the case if ONR was providing a genuine good service.

This latest Silo incident being demolished before the ONR has had chance to inspect it is an example of an underhand way of ensuring EDF control what can be seen and observed as it has already been removed. It shows EDF have no respect for ONR or they have free remit to do what they want and ONR will support them, which we find even more concerning.

ONR have not put themselves forward with sufficient authority to reassure us that safe processes are being adhered to. From our position it looks like EDF are trying to cover up and mislead on the assumption that there will be no scrutiny and they will get away with it. How many times is this happening at HPC? And indeed, is this attitude carried over into their remaining nuclear sites?

It leads us to question so many aspects of the nuclear industry that we have raised in the past and have not had sufficient reassurances.

We, as members of NGO groups represent many of the people of this country, those who may understand the huge implications of the nuclear industry and those who don't, but all of which have a right to be kept safe from what we know is a very high risk and environmentally, damaging technology.

We NGO's are professional people, scientists, members of the public, who give up our time to monitor, observe and question the industry.

It's a priority of our lives and we seem to care more than the regulatory government bodies that are paid to do that job.

We need to see a tighter regime of inspections and a clearer dialogue to specific points we raise to be assured that the ONR is in control over this company EDF and all the work it carries out.

Yours sincerely

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