I have made several submissions to earlier consultations on plutonium management policy, as well as participating in the BNFL Stateholder Dialogue and NDA National Stakeholder forum meetings on plutonium. I would like to re-iterate my overriding concern is security and the importance of not putting large quantities of nuclear explosive materials in the form of plutonium in MOX fuel into international commerce.

I am not making a further new individual submission on this occasion, as I have set out my views in earlier contributions. However, I have read the submission made by the Nuclear Free Local Authorities, and would like to fully endorse the arguments they make.

In addition, I would encourage you to read the critical series of articles on plutonium by the Independent science editor, Steve Connor, which I have pasted below for convenience. I believe he raises a series of salient questions which DECC and NDA need to answer.

sincerely

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