

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to ask you to call a halt to the consultation on Management of the UK's Plutonium Stocks.

You began this consultation before the terrible catastrophe at Fukushima. There the fuel used was MOX. I understand that you too envisage the UK's stockpiles being used in nuclear reactors. I am sure all the facts have not yet come out about Fukushima and there may be things we have yet to learn which could have a bearing on the safety of

MOX fuel generally and not just post earthquake and tsunami. It does not seem sensible therefore to continue with this consultation until all the evidence has been gathered from Japan. In addition I understand that the nuclear waste produced is far more dangerous than from other nuclear fuels: any sort of accident could put at risk that waste. We should therefore consider very carefully the success or otherwise of the Japanese nuclear authorities in making safe the nuclear waste at Fukushima before venturing down this potentially lethal path. Please halt the consultation.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Pat Sanchez