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RE: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information relating to providing: *“a copy of the latest flood risk management plans for each of the UK’s operating and formerly operating (i.e. those in the process of being decommissioned) nuclear power stations. All correspondence between DECC and other government departments, ministers and agencies after 1 January 2007 in relation to flood risk management plans for nuclear power stations. All presentations and briefings, and correspondence between DECC staff and ministers, after 1 January 2007 in relation to flood risk management plans for nuclear power stations. The dates, agendas, attendance lists and minutes of all meetings involving DECC staff and ministers at which the UK’s flood risk management plans for nuclear power stations were discussed.”*

As you specifically requested we have considered your request in accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs). Also, we have considered your request under the FOI Act 2000, as required by the legislation whereby all information requests must be considered under the terms of Act whether or not the request specifically refers to the Act,

I am afraid that this Department does not hold any of the information you have requested. Flood risk management plans are drawn up and held by the nuclear operating companies in conjunction with the Office for Nuclear Regulation and the Environment Agency as the independent industry regulators.

Although not within the scope of your request, you might find the Department’s New Nuclear Sites/National Policy Statement helpful;

http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/meeting_energy/nuclear/new/siting/siting.aspx

Also, for information relating to general flood risks at current nuclear installations in the UK you may also wish to look at the Chief Nuclear Inspector’s report (The Weightman Report) which considered the resilience of UK nuclear installations in the light of the events at Fukushima. This can be found at;

http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/meeting_energy/nuclear/safety_and_sec/weightman/weightman.aspx

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Yours sincerely,