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Dear Householder/Business Owner

### Sizewell Nuclear Power Stations – Wider Public Information on Nuclear Emergencies

After the events of Fukushima, the Suffolk Resilience Forum<sup>1</sup> undertook a public consultation in 2013 on improving Sizewell nuclear emergency arrangements. One of the outcomes was strong support by those who responded for increased awareness of nuclear emergency arrangements for people living further away from the Sizewell nuclear sites. The enclosed leaflet provides an overview of Sizewell emergency arrangements to help raise awareness. The leaflet has been produced by the Suffolk Resilience Forum with the assistance of the Sizewell Site Stakeholder Group.

It is important to remember the additional information covered by this letter does not indicate any increased risk for you, in fact the risk of a radiation release from Sizewell nuclear sites remains very low.

For every nuclear power station in the UK, there are well established emergency plans to protect the public in the unlikely event of a release of radioactive material from the site. These plans are reviewed and regularly tested by the emergency services, councils, health bodies and the site operators and, depending on the individual risks to each community, include arrangements for sheltering, evacuation and taking stable iodine tablets. Full details of Sizewell's emergency plan are posted on the Suffolk Resilience Forum website: [www.suffolkresilience.com](http://www.suffolkresilience.com) on the 'emergency plans' pages.

The Sizewell Site nuclear operators, EDF Energy and Magnox, also publish emergency information within the Detailed Emergency Planning Zone (an area 3-4 km from the Sizewell nuclear sites including Leiston) so that members of the public more likely to have to take prompt action are prepared in the unlikely event of an emergency. The Detailed Emergency Planning Zone is a geographical area set by the Office for Nuclear Regulation. In December 2014, the Sizewell operators revised their public information and their new

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<sup>1</sup> The Suffolk Resilience Forum is a statutory civil emergencies partnership comprising Suffolk emergency services, Suffolk local authorities, Suffolk health agencies, the Environment Agency and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

documents are posted on the 'information and advice' pages of the Suffolk Resilience Forum website.

Detailed emergency arrangements for any Sizewell nuclear incident are focused within the Detailed Emergency Planning Zone and are based upon the reduced risk from the Sizewell B power station following the cessation of nuclear power generation at the Sizewell A station.

In the extremely unlikely event of a severe accident, additional response actions may be needed beyond the Detailed Emergency Planning Zone. These will be confirmed after assessing the scale and nature of any radiation hazard.

In the event of any Sizewell nuclear emergency, information and advice on actions to take and the extent of any radiation risk will be provided by the local emergency services and local authorities using a variety of methods, including TV, local radio, websites and social media.

The enclosed leaflet is also available to download from the Suffolk Resilience Forum website. Additional hard copies for householders or businesses can be requested from:

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The legal background behind UK nuclear emergency arrangements is kept under review by Government and the Office for Nuclear Regulation. Where changes are made to how the UK plans for nuclear emergencies, updates to the attached leaflet may be provided in the future.



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Leaflet – Sizewell Off Site Emergency Planning Information