

APPENDIX B

14 November 2019 - Sent to email: contact@onr.gov.uk.

Dear Office of Nuclear Regulation

The attached news article from “France 24 EN” gives details of a special audit report on EDF to its largest shareholder, the French Government.

Audit raps French energy giant EDF over nuclear project

<https://www.france24.com/en/20191028-audit-raps-french-energy-giant-edf-over-nuclear-project>

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The report’s findings are many, the main one being that **EDF lacks a “culture of quality”**. The report states that the consequences have been engineering failings, delays and cost overruns at Flamanville (France), cost overruns at Hinkley Point (UK) and delays at the Olkiluoto plant (Finland).

France’s Economy Minister Bruno Le Maire said the report underscored "an unacceptable lack of rigour" at EDF. He ordered the company to put in place an action plan within a month to bring its nuclear project to the "highest levels".

Melton Parish Council has an active interest in EDF’s Sizewell C Project. Given the potential implications of the French audit report for Sizewell C, the council wishes to ask you the following questions:

- Does the ONR concur with the findings of the French report?
- Will the ONR have a role in scrutinising the draft action plan before it is approved?
- Will the ONR have a role in performance-managing delivery of the changes in the approved action plan?
- If neither of the above apply, how will the ONR satisfy itself and the UK government that the failings at EDF are genuinely being rectified and that there is not a continuing risk to UK nuclear projects?

We would appreciate a reply by 25 November 2019.

Yours faithfully

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