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Nuclear Safety Committee

Request for Advice from the CEO of ARPANSA

Dear Dr Weaver

I refer to the last NSC meeting where the Committee discussed the safety implications of ANSTO's proposed Interim Waste Store.

The Nuclear Safety Committee's functions are stated in subsection 26(1) of the *Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Act 1998* (the Act). This includes advising the CEO on matters relating to nuclear safety and the safety of controlled facilities.

As subsection 26(2) of the Act provides that the Nuclear Safety Committee's functions are to be performed only on the request of the CEO of the Council, I request that the Nuclear Safety Committee provide me advice in relation to the matters listed in Appendix.

Please provide the Committee's advice to me by 22 November 2013.

Yours Sincerely,

<SIGNED>

Dr Carl-Magnus Larsson
CEO of ARPANSA

Appendix

The Advice the CEO of ARPANSA seeks from the Committee

Safety Implications of Waste Stored in Interim Storage

Please provide the Committee's advice regarding the safety implications of waste stored in interim storage. I am after a broad view of this issue, based principally upon your assessment of the documentation provided at the November 2013 meeting and previous meetings, informed by Committee members' personal knowledge and experience, and taking international best practice into account.