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Dear Ms. Herdman,

We are writing to you on behalf of the environmental movement of Sweden in order to contribute to the Sellafield MOX Plant Consultation process.

Last week a Swedish company OKG AB announced that they signed a contract for management of some 900 kg of plutonium owned by this company. According to OKG's announcement, the material in question is expected to be used in manufacturing of MOX fuel at the Sellafield MOX Plant, for subsequent import into Sweden and use at the Oskarshamn power reactors.

We feel that this announcement was premature and overoptimistic. OKG today does not have the necessary government permission to import or use MOX fuel in its reactors. Since the use of MOX fuel in power reactors is contrary to the principle position expressed by Swedish government and parliament, it is far from clear whether such permission will ever be granted.

Certainly the environmental movement in Sweden, as represented by our organisations is firmly opposed to the plan to use MOX in Swedish reactors, and will continue to actively campaign against such plans.

We hope that you will see OKG's announcement for what it is – wishful thinking and an attempt to unfairly influence due legal process, and not take it into consideration in making your determination on the question of licensing of the Sellafield MOX Plant.

Sincerely,

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