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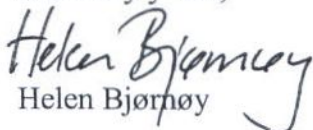
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The Nordic countries share an interest in nuclear activities and facilities that could pose a potential risk for our soil and our common waters. We are assured that you have similar concerns. This letter has the aim to point to concerns regarding the request from the British Nuclear Group to reopen the THORP reprocessing plant for liquid waste. We have appreciated the ambition from British authorities to address the safety issues by closing the plant after the earlier leakage, to act for prosecution and to issue a strategy for clean-up of civil nuclear sites.

We would be pleased to give our views on these issues as they are of concern to our citizens. We are assured that you will take all action to reduce emissions and risk of emissions and prior to any continuation of the reprocessing at THORP perform a near-time action plan for the treatment and final disposal of high-level wastes and a thorough assessment of all risks associated with the reopening.

On behalf of the Nordic Ministers of Environment

Sincerely yours,

  
Helen Bjørnøy