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To whom it may concern

**Consultation on material changes to the Hinkley Point C (HPC) Development Consent Order (DCO)**

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the proposals for material changes to the HPC DCO in your letter to Mark Foy, of 5 January 2024. This letter provides the Office for Nuclear Regulation's (ONR) response to this [consultation](https://www.edfenergy.com/energy/nuclear-new-build-projects/hinkley-point-c/hinkley-point-c-development-consent-order-public-consultation).

We have considered the proposed changes described in the Consultation Overview Document that are or may be of relevance to our statutory purposes in relation to the construction and operation of the HPC power station. Specifically, these are the changes described in Chapters 1 and 2, relating to the interim spent fuel store (ISFS) and the associated equipment storage building, and the changes to the design and location of the meteorological mast.

With regard to the ISFS, we are satisfied that the changes described are consistent with our understanding of the intentions of NNB GenCo, gained through routine regulatory interactions over a number of years. Our decision to give regulatory consent to the start of construction of the unit 1 nuclear island in November 2018 and our subsequent agreement to a Category 1 design change relating to the proposed dry fuel storage facility in February 2019, were based on the understanding that a design for dry spent fuel storage would replace the ‘wet’ spent fuel storage option that was originally proposed for the power station. I can therefore confirm that ONR has no comments to make on these proposed changes.

Regarding the proposed changes to the meteorological mast, we have considered in relation to external hazards and concluded that this raises no concerns.

Yours sincerely

**Policy and Communications**