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Information Zone

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Dear Neighbour,

MAJOR ACCIDENT EMERGENCY INSTRUCTIONS

In 2001 the Ministry of Defence introduced Major Accident Control Regulations in response to a European Union Directive (96/82/EC) and UK Legislation. RAF Brize Norton came under these Regulations and my predecessors wrote to you, enclosing a Major Accident Emergency Instruction leaflet. I am now required, in accordance with these Regulations, to re-issue the advice contained within the leaflet.

In common with many Ministry of Defence establishments and to support national defence activities, RAF Brize Norton continues to store substances classified as hazardous (such as fuel and explosives). We have teams of highly trained professionals who are experienced in handling these substances who operate under very stringent laws and regulations relevant to our operations. The installations where hazardous substances are stored and handled, are licensed under strict International, National and Ministry of Defence standards set by expert groups and overseen by independent authorities. Rigorous inspections and frequent audits ensure safety standards are not only maintained but continuously reviewed and improved.

Under these Regulations, our robust internal plans at RAF Brize Norton for dealing with possible emergencies were extended to encompass emergency plans made by the Local Authorities. These involve County and District Emergency Services (Police, Fire, Ambulance), Health Authorities, Utilities (Water, Electricity, Gas), Conservation and Environment Authorities. This increases the awareness and the preparedness of organisations and people in and around the site, making them aware of the hazards present on the establishment and the actions to take should there be an emergency.

The enclosed leaflet should not cause alarm, the hazards have not changed and risks of a major accident remain remote; however, with my recent uptake as Head of Establishment, it appears a sensible time to refresh the advice and remind our neighbours of the warnings that will be given and the actions to take in the event of an emergency.

Should you have any concerns regarding the operations at this establishment then please do not hesitate to write to me.

Claire O'Grady

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Enclosure:

RAF Brize Norton Emergency Instruction Leaflet.