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Dear Sir/Madam

**REVIEWERS STATEMENT ON THE BGS REPORT "MANAGING RADIOACTIVE WASTE SAFELY: INITIAL GEOLOGICAL UNSUITABILITY SCREENING OF WEST CUMBRIA".**

FWS Consultants Ltd (FWSC) was requested to provide a reviewers statement of the above document. The requirements of the reviewers statement were set out in an earlier letter of 21 September 2010 (Ref: 1472/jd01/wc219). Based on these requirements we can state that the West Cumbria MRWS Partnership can rely on the BGS report "Managing Radioactive Waste Safely: Initial Geological Unsuitability Screening of West Cumbria" as a preliminary screening report against the criteria set out in the White Paper Cm7386.

All issues raised by FWSC on previous drafts, within the remit of the MRWS Partnership peer review criteria, appear to have been addressed. We have no further comments to make.

Yours faithfully  
for FWS Consultants Ltd



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