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Dear Lisa

I would like to introduce you to a very successful project entitled Energy Foresight which BNES strongly supports.

Energy Foresight helps teachers deliver the 'radioactive materials' module within the new 21st Century Science Curriculum which is due to be adopted by secondary schools in England and Wales in September 2006. It has recently been piloted with considerable success in 130 schools across England.

The Energy Foresight pilot back is enclosed along with a summary of the evaluation report produced by the Open University (the full report will be available in a couple of months time). You will see that whilst the numbers involved are small, the impact is very significant.

The team behind Energy Foresight is now looking to roll the project out to all secondary schools in England and Wales over the three year period from September 2006. Roll-out will require third party funding: although Energy Foresight has the full support of the education authorities, there is currently no prospect of it being funded by DfES. Total costs are likely to be in the region of [redacted] million.

I believe Energy Foresight is an extremely important project which holds out the prospect of changing perceptions of nuclear both as a power source and as an industry offering worthwhile and rewarding career prospects.

We all know that, if we are going to get to grips with these issues and address the industry's long term skill needs, we have to start in schools. Energy Foresight provides the means to do so. I am pleased, therefore, to signal the strong support of the BNES behind the project, hence this letter to you and other significant players in the industry.

Energy Foresight is aware that I am writing to you and you should expect a call from them offering to update you on their plans and answer any questions you might have. I hope that you will be prepared to give them an audience and, having done so, share my view that this is a project which, as an industry, we must help to deliver.

Yours sincerely

Dr Sue E Ion
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