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Counter-terrorism and Security at Licensed Nuclear Sites	Date: 11/06/2008

Policy Statement

The Civil Nuclear Constabulary (the Constabulary) is committed to the protection of nuclear material and the infrastructure of the Civil Nuclear Industry. Appropriate action will be taken to ensure this protection, based on necessity and proportionality to defeat potential threats.

The threat to the United Kingdom from terrorist activity has increased and has the potential to impact significantly on the work of the Constabulary in the prime objective of protecting nuclear sites and material.

Counter Terrorism

The Constabulary is committed to providing an integrated response to the terrorist threat by effective management of all relevant internal disciplines, together with stakeholders and Home/Scottish Government Police Forces in order to achieve this objective.

Security at Nuclear Licensed Sites

The policy of the Constabulary is to deploy Authorised Firearms Officer's as a matter of routine. The use of lethal force must still be justified on an individual basis and in line with the precepts of the Human Rights Act 1998 and the Criminal Law Act 1967.

Principles:

- Officers will be trained in the use of firearms, relevant legislation, policy and procedures and best practice before being operationally engaged.
- All operational Officers will undergo at least one exercise in any 12 month period in order to gain personal experience of the potential threat and their response to such incidents. Such exercises will be meaningful and led by the Nuclear Industry Malicious Capability Assessment and the ongoing threat assessment through the National Intelligence Model (NIM).
- Every exercise will be fully debriefed in order to establish improved performance, be it at individual, team or organisational levels.

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Aims of the Policy

The aims of this policy are to:

- support the UK Government's CONTEST Counter Terrorist Strategy, intelligence priorities identified by tasking and co-ordination groups, with a resultant control strategy being set and reviewed
- maintain and continue to develop a series of co-ordinated strategic priorities
- develop appropriate measures and structures to help prevent and protect against terrorist activity
- provide sufficient investment to mount a meaningful counter terrorist exercise programme
- further develop channels of communication to maximise stakeholder intelligence and to facilitate mechanisms for stakeholder reassurance through the exercise steering group and exercise programme.
- maintain an efficient post-incident response, should a terrorist incident take place, that will support Home/Scottish Police Forces in protecting communities both within the nuclear industry as well as nationally.
- respond to terrorist threats in line with the Nuclear Industries Security Regulations, 2003 and the Nuclear Industry Malicious Capability Assessment.

This policy is enacted by the following management system documents:

CNC/POL/9.1	Use of force
CNC/POL/9.7.1	Suicide terrorism
CNC/POL/9.7.2	Bombs and explosives
CNC/POL/6.2.1	Counter-terrorist exercises
CNC/SDM/01	Firearms manual

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