

Rt Hon Chris Huhne MP  
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Dear Chris

I refer to your letter dated 30 November 2011 concerning a request for assurances in relation to the recent court case in France involving Greenpeace.

As you are aware, the case at the Nanterre Court relating to events in France in 2006, is still subject to appeal so it is not appropriate, at this stage, to comment on it or on its findings.

Nonetheless, I wish to reassure you that I fully share your view on the importance of maintaining trust, championing dialogue and free and open exchange between all stakeholders whatever their stance on nuclear power.

I made that clear in a letter I sent in 2009 to John Sauven, Executive Director of Greenpeace, by stressing the importance of continuing an open and constructive debate focused on the facts and, more recently, on 18 November 2011 in a communication to our employees on the Nanterre Court findings where I said *"The right way to deal with people who disagree with us is to engage with them. Integrity and ethics are at the heart of our values. A relationship with our stakeholders built on trust, rooted in these values, is central to the way we operate. It is central to our nuclear operations. It is central to our customer business."*

In answer to your question as to whether our company has ever engaged in similar illegal or unlawful activity in the UK against Greenpeace or any other organisations, our internal inquiry confirms that it has not.

Indeed, in my letter to Greenpeace I confirmed that EDF condemns any action to obtain information in an illicit way.

Furthermore, I can confirm that trust and high ethical standards are at the heart of the company values. We continue to take steps to ensure these are met and that the controls we have in place are effective and adequate.

I am confident our employees meet the company's high ethical standards. To reassure that this will always be the case I have requested our Internal Audit Team to carry out a full review of EDF Energy's ethical policies and compliance with them.

This review will verify that:

- the appropriate policies are in place to ensure the highest standards of ethical behaviour;
- they are applied fully with the right controls to ensure compliance; and
- we have the right sanctions in case of any non-compliance.

The company's Stakeholder Advisory Panel, in its external oversight role, will scrutinise the findings and any appropriate action which arise from the review will be taken.

I explained the importance of this review in my communication to our employees on 18 November 2011, in which I also said: *"We do not tolerate unethical behaviour. In the most straightforward terms: There is no task where it is acceptable to break the law or to behave unethically."*

For your information, the actions set forth in this letter are fully supported by EDF SA and I know that other teams across the EDF Group will be taking similar steps to those we have taken within EDF Energy.

I trust this letter fully address your concerns.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "V. Rivaz".

Vincent de Rivaz