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Dear Kate,

**HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK ETC ACT 1974  
THE DIVING AT WORK REGULATIONS 1997**

Over the coming months, HSE diving inspectors will be contacting windfarm developers to assess how they are managing diving projects over the full life cycle of windfarms they are developing or operating.

Diving is a high hazard activity and there are specific regulations on diving at work to control the risks. These are The Diving at Work Regulations 1997 (DWR).

DWR places duties on any person who can affect the safety of a diving project including clients, principal contractors, and site managers. Guidance on safe diving, including links to the Approved Codes of Conduct (ACOP) for the various classes of diving, can be found on the HSE website:  
<https://www.hse.gov.uk/diving/>

As part of this process, inspectors will initially want to review any supporting documentation including policies and procedures which support the way that diving is planned, managed, and conducted. Following on from this initial review a follow up meeting will be arranged to discuss the findings of the review.

Can I ask that you communicate this message to your members. Should you require any further information or guidance then please feel free to contact [diving@hse.gov.uk](mailto:diving@hse.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely



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