



To: **The Rt Hon Rachel Reeves**, Chancellor of the Exchequer
(by email)

Dear Chancellor,

We are writing to you as trade unions representing workers in nuclear decommissioning, to ask you to intervene at the forthcoming Budget to protect jobs in the sector.

As you will be aware, nuclear decommissioning is a vital national mission that protects our communities, enables our clean energy transition, and supports jobs and local economies in Cumbria and across the country.

The recent Spending Review settlement was challenging for the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) and the organisations under its umbrella, and you will be aware that unions fought for a better outcome.

We have now learned that there will be hundreds of job losses across the NDA umbrella as a result of this settlement, with voluntary exit schemes already being rolled out. As you know, we had serious concerns about the NDA's approach to the Spending Review process, and this was the outcome we feared.

These jobs losses are incredibly damaging and short-sighted. They will damage local communities, undermine the growth mission, and impede the vital work to safely dispose of nuclear waste. This will end up costing the government more in the long term, as mothballed stations become more expensive to decommission, and the rare nuclear skills of the UK's world class decommissioning workforce are difficult to adequately replace.

We are writing to you to use your upcoming Budget to temporarily plug the gap in the NDA's funding, allowing these job losses to be avoided and enabling a more comprehensive reassessment of the way nuclear decommissioning work is funded. We believe that treating decommissioning as a long-term capital project, rather than funding it out day-to-day spending, would lead to a more cost-efficient and fiscally responsible outcome and bring the UK more in line with other countries.

We ask that you urgently meet with us to discuss this issue in order that these costly and unnecessary job losses can be prevented.

Yours sincerely,

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Sue Ferns, Prospect
Senior Deputy
General Secretary

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Gary Carter, GMB
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Simon Coop, Unite
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