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To: Emergency Planning Practitioners (Category 1 & 2) and responders

Ref: Developing National Occupational Standards for Civil Contingencies

Skills for Justice are leading the above UK-wide project in partnership with other Sector Skills Councils (SSCs) and key stakeholders to develop National Occupational Standards (NOS) in planning for and responding to major incidents/emergencies which fall under the remit of Civil Contingencies (Civil Protection).

These draft standards have been developed by Practitioners who are involved directly or support this important area of work. Throughout the development Skills for Justice has been working in partnership with the Emergency Planning College and Emergency Planning Society who are building a core competence framework (underpinned by NOS) to strengthen resilience across the public, private and voluntary sectors.

Skills for Justice are inviting feedback from individuals or groups (including category 1 and 2 responders), from a host of emergency services including Police, Fire and Rescue Services, health bodies, local authorities, environmental bodies, utilities, transport, oil and chemical industries, and security providers as well as not-for-profit organisations. Please feel free to circulate this communication and weblink widely to colleagues.

These draft standards, functional map and supporting documents including the consultation guidance and feedback form can all be viewed by clicking through to www.skillsforjustice.com/civilnos (ctrl+click to access the link)

Skills for Justice invite you to review the draft NOS and supporting consultation documents. The consultation will remain open until **Friday 30 May 2008**.

If you would like further information about this consultation please do not hesitate to contact or email julie.benson@skillsforjustice.com

Yours faithfully

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