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Dear Minister

US NAVAL SHIPS: REVIEW OF REGULATORY STRUCTURE

You asked me to review the regulatory structure within which the US naval ships came to the UK in 2003. The aim was to identify the lessons to be learned for the way in which those regulatory regimes might operate in their application to ships classified as waste for recovery in the future. I was also asked to identify any broader policy issues that might usefully be addressed.

I enclose my report. I have seen the parallel report put to you by the Environment Agency and I have discussed my findings with them.

I am very grateful for the help and cooperation I have received from the wide range of people I have consulted inside and outside Government.

Yours sincerely

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