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CEGB LOW NOX PROGRAMME

Thank you for the copy of your letter of 9 April to John MacGregor about the CEGB's low Nox programme.

Although the proposed programme will only have limited benefits for the boiler manufacturers in the short term these will, nevertheless, be welcome to an industry which is currently hard pressed. We remain concerned however about the implications of the proposals being put forward in Brussels and elsewhere on Nox emissions and if the CEGB's suggestions can assist in avoiding the imposition of over-stringent standards, and hence higher costs, then they are to be doubly welcomed. I hope therefore that early agreement can be given.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, John MacGregor, Willie Whitelaw, Geoffrey Howe, Nicholas Ridley and Sir Robert Armstrong.

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