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Dear Grant,

I am writing in response to UKOPA's submission of a Position Paper on Failure rates applied to Thick Walled Pipes. Unfortunately, after careful consideration HSE does not consider this information alters our position and advice.

HSE has, over a considerable period of time, considered a number of options on this matter and values UKOPA's input. Attached is a detailed technical response from Dr. Peter Harper which reflects HSE's current position which is consistent with previous advice. I have included Dr Harper's note in full so that you can understand the reasoning behind his conclusions.

I appreciate that you may be disappointed with this response however; HSE continues to seek to respond to your concerns on this issue and would be prepared to review the position again if significant new information became available.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Holvey', written in a cursive style.

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