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# SPREP Circular

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**To** SPREP National Focal Points

**Subject:** **Update on request for consideration of the consequences of Pacific nuclear testing**

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**Background**

This circular provides an update on the issue of nuclear testing and its impacts in French Polynesia which was raised at the 2011 SPREP Meeting in Samoa.

**Update**

The President of French Polynesia in letter of the 16th December 2011 subsequently offered to host a panel of experts where the Pacific countries and territories concerned by the consequences of nuclear testing conducted in our Pacific region would be represented.

Opinion on this approach was sought from SPREP Members. The input obtained from Member countries to-date is attached for your information.

**Next Steps**

Based on the opinions received to -date, SPREP will proceed to prepare a short Briefing Paper on the issue that will be presented to the 2012 SPREP Meeting in September. This paper will include options for SPREP Members to consider for moving forward on this issue.

Yours sincerely,

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