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Dorothy is in charge of decommissioning the two open air nuclear storage ponds at the Sellafield site, a programme that has taken huge strides forward under her watch.

She said:

I really do feel that this is what my career has been all about. I have the best job on site, technically challenging, leading a large culture change programme and delivering risk and hazard reduction every day. It really is a privilege to do this job.

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Press release: Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 2018

The Queen has approved that His Grace Richard Walter John Montagu Douglas Scott, The Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry, KBE, DL, FSA, FRSE, be appointed as Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 2018.

The Lord High Commissioner is the Sovereign's personal representative to the Annual General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. He attends the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland on behalf of the Sovereign. He makes the opening and closing addresses to the Assembly, and carries out a number of official functions as the Lord High Commissioner.

Press release: Interim report: Collision near London Waterloo station

RAIB has today released its interim report following a collision near London Waterloo station, 15 August 2017.

We will publish a final report, including any safety recommendations, at the conclusion of our investigation.

Our investigation is independent of any investigation by the railway industry or by the [Office of Rail and Road](#).

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Notice: Stuart Hollingsworth, Michael Hollingsworth and Mary Hollingsworth trading as J Hollingsworth and Sons: application made to abstract water

The Environment Agency consult the public on certain applications for the abstraction and impoundment of water.

These notices explain:

- what the application is about
- which Environment Agency offices you can visit to see the application documents on the public register
- when you need to comment by