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Julia,

Thanks for your email. Chemplan was developed in the late 1980's, well before the OPRC HNS Protocol was finalised. Like all contingency plans, Chemplan requires regular updating. The most recent update, completed in March 2002, was able to take into account the obligations of the OPRC-HNS Protocol. On reflection, rather than say "Australia has developed CHEMPLAN to implement the key obligation of the Protocol", it would perhaps be more accurate to say in the evidence that "Australia has recently completed a major revision and updating of CHEMPLAN, and the opportunity was taken to ensure that CHEMPLAN implements the key obligations of the Protocol."

I hope that assists - let me know if further clarification is required.

Regards

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