

27 June 2013

BRADFORD COUNCIL

RFI No. 5566: 'To ask Defra's London office for copies of correspondence in received in 2011 and again in 2012 regarding alleged breaches of the regulations on Category 1 animal waste by Omega Proteins Limited AKA The Leo Group.'

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 December 2010 08:35
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: appeal -Omega Proteins

[REDACTED]

I understand [REDACTED] has forwarded to you the outcome of the planning appeal for Omega Proteins. It was my intention to forward that to you as there are a couple of very interesting conditions relating to labelling the vehicles and providing "lips" to them!!

I have also attached the document which will be being forwarded to our Cllrs and MP in the coming days which will be the basis of them hopefully lobbying on our behalf. It is a document which represents the views of the Link group that met here in Bradford. Our Chief exec may also be writing to the SoS about this . I trust you will use this information in the best way possible.

Kind regards and Seasons Greetings
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 September 2011 11:14
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: UKRA Guidance Documents

[REDACTED]

I recall that when you met with the renderers there was talk about codes of practise being prepared within 2 months. I have not seen anything since this your last email.

I am in the process of preparing a scrutiny report for members on the transport of animal by products. They are particularly keen to know about any technologies to deal with smell and spillages. I will be referencing the lobbying which we did previously and the response from Defra re the codes of practise and comments made about refrigeration.

It would be useful if you or your animal by products colleague provide the following information:

1. The current position regarding the work which is going on between Defra and the 2 rendering associations.
2. Any completed CoP's and confirmation about who has bought into these.

3. Defra's view about the need to refrigerate this material to address the smell issue from both the wagons and from the plant (the material is now so odorous that there are issues around the ability of a thermal oxidiser to properly eradicate it).
4. Defra's view about a time scale by which material must be treated and a maximum transport distance.
5. Any information which Defra holds about refrigeration or other technologies which could be utilised to prevent odour being emitted from these vehicles.

For information we recently took 8 prosecutions against Leo group (omega or Alba proteins) for spillages. They have been committed to crown court for sentencing, this is scheduled for the end of the month.

Regards
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 October 2011 16:25
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: UKRA Guidance Documents

Hi [REDACTED]

Further to our dialogue below I can update you on the outcome of the hearing. You may recall that Alba Transport Ltd (the transport arm of Leo Group) pleaded guilty to 2 cases of spills and asked that a further 6 be taken into account. They were committed to crown court for sentencing on September 29th. They were fined £32k for the 2 guilty pleas and ordered to pay £9k costs. Interestingly they submitted accounts to show that Alba Transport were operating at a loss even though Leo group had a turnover of £40 million.

The Swalesmoor action group were in court and on the TV, they are very concerned about EH health side of this and that more is not done, we are doing all we are permitted to under the legislation. We already have our next offence and will be prosecuting again.

I am still awaiting with eagerness the codes of practice which were promised some time ago from the industry. Perhaps you could forward this to your colleagues in the ABP side of things.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 26 July 2012 08:37

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: rendering CoP's

Hi [REDACTED]

Our handling of Omega proteins was subject to overview and scrutiny on Tuesday evening following a petition from residents.

At the meeting Omega were present and announced that the draft CoP's were completed, had been presented to Defra and would be signed off in November. Could you confirm if this is the case and if possible it would be good to look at these and share them with our members who are very keen to see this matter resolved.

thanks

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