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Dear Mr Cluff

**Request for clarification of overlapping UCG and PEDL licences**

Thank you for your letter of 9 December 2014.

You will be aware that we do not comment on the applications received in any licensing round until they have been fully considered and Ministers have made their decisions. The consideration of applications is still continuing at present and I have no comments for the time being the possibility of a licence being issued for any part of the area to which you refer.

However I note that when you applied to the Authority for a conditional licence in the Firth of Forth, you were informed that DECC had already agreed in principle to issue a petroleum licence which would cover part of the area for which you were applying.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Toole