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Morning Both,

Here is a summary of my conversation with Alan Owers and Andy Bee. We have a couple of questions and some clarifications. I have left a message, but I'm concerned I won't get chance to talk to you today as I'm in an all-day meeting. I'm conscious that the deadline for return is Monday 26th June.

First of all the covering of whole units of Small Medium WEE is not required. There is a risk of leaching but the risk is alot lower than when they are taken apart. We will be taking a pragmatic view on this.

With regards to the bag filter we will need a bit more information from you.

Is the extraction directly from the mill chamber?

Is shredding a wet or a dry process?

We will also <u>not insist</u> on the use of the bag filter even if it is able to be fitted to the shredder, but you will need to find a combination of techniques that means that you can meet the BAT AEL requirement of 5mg or 10mg (dependent on the bag filter applicability). I believe Alan Owers is going back to BMRA to communicate this discussion with them. We also recognise that there are some practical difficulties with enclosing the shredder indoors due to its size. We will however be expecting equivalent alternative measures.

On the waste water discharge I recognise that you are going to provide previous analysis of waste water discharges, but probably going forward we will need to set up a monitoring program. This can probably be done through an improvement condition so it will not be a blocker to issuing the permit.

To summarise it is really the dust emission AELs and controls that are the major point of concern.

Kind regards,

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