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**Subject**: Aggregate wash plant -paragraph 13 exemption

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## Dear Nick,

I tried to contact you today and I was informed by Mike that you are on leave until January 2011.

I need to advise you that we are considering revoking your paragraph 13 exemption for the aggregate wash plant. It appears that you are continuing to use waste fines arising from your hazardous waste transfer station as feedstock for the exempt operation. It was brought to your attention in my letter of the 13th October 2010 ( attached ), and again during an audit of the wash plant on the 17th August 2010, that this waste stream does not comply with the exemption or the WRAP protocol. As you are aware only inert waste can be processed into aggregates ( clay, sand, stone, asphalt, tiles, rocks, concrete and glass, as per appendix C ) and there should be no contamination with hazardous material.

You should cease using the fines and demonstrate that they are inert by testing under the WAC. If the fines are shown to be uncontaminated inert material, then the waste would come under the terms of the WRAP protocol and would be a suitable feedstock. However, if after testing the fines are not inert, or if no testing is carried out, then we require your proposals to expand the permit area and operate the wash plant under a permit. You are currently benefiting from the transitional period and I should advise you that once revoked, the operation would require permitting.

I trust that you will address the issues above with immediate effect. I will be on leave now until the 5th January 2011, if you have any concerns regarding the above can you please liaise with my line manager Ton Thornett on the number below.

## regards

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