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From: Smith, Jemimah <Jemimah.Smith@environment-agency.gov.uk>
Sent: 30 July 2024 09:53
To: Marco Muia
Cc: nick@nickbrookes.co.uk; Chris Parry; Loseby, Chloe; Gibbon, Phil
Subject: RE: 0202 Without prejudice

Dear Marco,

The Environment Agency regulates permitted sites by assessing compliance with their environmental permit and relevant legislation at the time of the inspection.

While you have notified us of the sites plan to vary their permit to include 19 12 12- trommel fines produced by treatment of mixed household, commercial and industrial waste, submit an LEP request and conduct an end of waste self-assessment, none of these actions were completed at the time of the previous inspection on 26/06/2024, or have been subsequently submitted.

Therefore, please refer the site to the compliance reports which have been generated from the latest inspection, CAR form reference 50066/0512074 and WAR form reference 50066NICKBR26062024JSMITH1250066.

We are happy to have a meeting as requested. However, the Environment Agency, yourself and the permit holder previously met on 13/11/2023 to discuss the breaches identified during a site inspection on 14/09/2023, and representations were made, and responded to during the appeal of the CAR form from that inspection. The purpose of the most recent inspection we conducted on 26/06/2024 was to check compliance with the outstanding actions hence, these were the only parts of the permit which were assessed, and no additional non-compliances were identified. Therefore, if you wish to have a further meeting, please provide the Environment Agency an agenda that sets out what points you wish to discuss. If you wish to submit further representations to the findings of the most recent inspection, then please follow the procedure set out within the CAR form.

Regards,

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Dear Jemimah,

I had a long conversation with Nick yesterday following your site inspection and we also discussed the permit variation application. I was unable to attend or call during the meeting as I was in another meeting with a client.

- We have been working on the submission and will be submitting the application next week.
- The delay in submission is primarily due to the complete absence of guidance for permitting wash plants and the recent, local regulatory approach to the interpretation of the aggregate protocol, for this and other companies we are working with. I discussed this issue with Phil earlier this year during an 80 minute phone conversation.
- We propose to add 19 12 12 to the permit because of this uncertainty, which we have mentioned previously.
- Our primary concern is that following submission the application is unlikely to be dealt with in a timely manner given the very lengthy delays in determining applications.
- We proposed that an LEP is submitted to cover this period. The only alternative would be a High Court challenge to the current regulatory approach.
- In addition to the variation application our client proposes to carry out a self-assessment to certify the outputs from the wash plant as the Agency's definition of waste service would also be a very slow process and that service is regularly on hold.

It is our client's position that the local team has disregarded the historical regulatory approach taken in respect of the wash plant and transfer station and has not responded fully to the information that was submitted (referenced below).

I would suggest that an in person meeting to discuss the above issued next month is imperative to prevent a complete breakdown in the working relationship between the Agency and our client.

Regards

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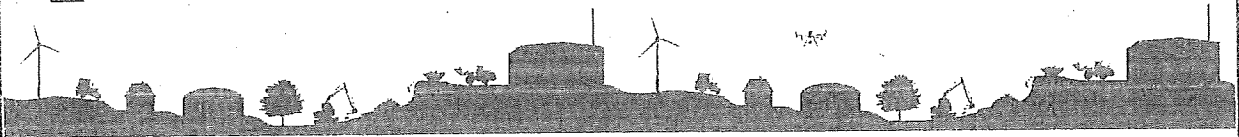
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