Subject: Port of Tyne Capping Trial
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Dear John,

Port of Tyne Authority Disposal Licence 31995/04/1 - Disposal of Contaminated Dredgings from River Tyne to the Sea

In January of this year, the Marine Conservation Society (MCS) contacted the MCEU at Defra with regard to the above disposal licence, granted to the Port of Tyne Authority on 6th October 2004 for a capping trial involving the disposal of 66,000 cubic metres of contaminated dredge material (CDM) at the Souter Point sea dumping ground. You were good enough to respond to my letter of 11th January, answering queries that MCS had raised about the licence application and capping procedure.

It was MCS' understanding that the licence was granted as a trial of the capping procedure to develop a UK wide best practice for the sea disposal of CDM. I would be immensely grateful for any information that Defra can forward to MCS with regard to the progress of the review process, and would like to request a copy of data arising from the post-placement monitoring that has taken place under the terms of the licence.

With thanks and kind regards,

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