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Dear Mr Jackson,

**Freedom of Information Request re: Port of Tyne Authority Licence 31995/04/1 – Confined Disposal Of Contaminated Dredge Material from the Port of Tyne docks to the sea at Souter Point**

Under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), the Marine Conservation Society (MCS) is requesting a copy of all documentation relating to the above disposal operation. This request includes all documentation deriving from any subsequent work conducted in relation to the operation, including stakeholder review meetings and all supporting scientific documentation, up to 31st October 2007.

We also request, under the Freedom of Information Act, copies of any other licence applications for disposal of contaminated dredge material using the above licensed method.

The Marine Consents & Environment Unit (MCEU) at Defra is the licensing authority, and the above licence was issued on 5th October 2004. MCS understands that the lead contact at the MCEU on this matter is Mr Geoff Bowles, and we've given his contact details below for ease.

Mr Geoff Bowles, Head of Unit, Marine Consents & Environment Unit, Marine Environment Team, Marine & Fisheries Agency, 3 - 8 Whitehall Place, (6th Floor Area B), London SW1A 2HH

With thanks for your help in this matter,

Yours Sincerely,

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