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Your reference:
Our reference: PDC 1016

Date: 12 December 2006

Dear Robert

FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT 1985 - PORT OF TYNE CAPPING TRIAL

I refer to your e-mails of 7 November to John Adams and Andy Dixon, these have been passed to me for reply.

The thickness of the cap is given in the 'Post Placement Monitoring – Tier 2 Annual Monitoring report' sent to you by Andy Dixon on 24 October. We have nothing further to add to that report.

The monitoring and actions resulting from such monitoring are being carried out according to the terms of the licence issued to the port.

Regarding the stakeholders meeting, I understand that the licensee did give a presentation at a meeting held on 31 October but it is apparent that this did not fully satisfy the requirements of condition 9.16 of the licence. This matter is being followed up with the licence holder.

Under the Food and Environment Protection Act (FEPA) we are obliged to provide members of the public copies of documents that constitute particulars in terms of the Public Register. However, we do not consider that this extends to generating new information by way of explaining that data nor to providing any guarantee as to the certainty of any assessment or judgement previously made.

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Your formal complaint has been noted.

Yours sincerely,

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