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1st December 2008

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

The Marine Conservation Society (MCS) made a request to Defra under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act (2000) on 29th October 2008 for copies of all documentation relating to the above disposal operation. This request included all documentation deriving from any subsequent work conducted in relation to the operation, including stakeholder review meetings and all supporting scientific documentation and reports, in the 12 months preceding 29th October 2008.

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

MCS has yet to receive either an acknowledge of our request from Defra or an indication as to when we can expect to receive the requested information. You will of course be aware that under both the FOI Act and Environmental Information Regulations (2004) a response is due within 20 working days.

MCS would therefore be grateful for a response at your earliest convenience and looks forward to receiving the information as soon as possible,

Yours Sincerely,

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