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(By email only)

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Dear Ms Marshall

**Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by the United Kingdom regarding access to justice in the context of the Environmental Cost Protection Regime (ACCC/C/2017/157)**

I am writing in reference to my letter of 20 August 2018 regarding an update to the ACCC on the above mentioned case. Firstly, I would like to express my apologies for missing the set deadline. In August we sent a holding response with the intention to provide a formal response by the November Compliance Committee Meeting, as we were expecting policy to progress during this period; which we thought would've been more useful to the Compliance Committee to provide a more substantive response.

We are however not as advanced as we would have hoped and therefore were unable to provide a formal response by the November Compliance Committee Meeting. We therefore anticipate that we will be in a position to provide a full written observation by the end of December 2018.

I would like to take this opportunity to again reiterate our apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused. We take our communications with the ACCC extremely seriously and would like to thank you for your patience in dealing with this matter.

Yours sincerely

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