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Susan Crosthwaite Cosses Country House Ballantrae Ayrshire KA26 OLR

Dear Susan Crosthwaite

## Environmental Liability (Scotland) Regulations 2009 Request for action and review under regulation 14

I am writing to provide you with an update on your request for action and review dated 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015 under the Environmental Liability (Scotland) Regulations 2009.

As you are aware, on receipt of a request for action, SEPA is required to consider the information provided, in order to determine whether it is satisfied that the request has demonstrated in a plausible manner that environmental damage or an imminent threat of such damage exists.

SEPA has completed its initial assessment. This identified 5 areas in which SEPA is requested to consider whether it is satisfied that the information provided demonstrates in a plausible manner that a significant adverse impact on the status of a waterbody has been caused by a Schedule 1 activity related to windfarm construction. These are:

- Deterioration in the ecological status of a surface water
- Deterioration in ecological status of a public water supply reservoir
- Deterioration in the ecological status of a groundwater body
- Deterioration in the ecological status of a groundwater body due to the need for increased treatment of a private drinking water supply
- Deterioration in the quantitative status of a groundwater body.

The information you have provided has been submitted to the relevant SEPA staff. The assessments have been programmed in and are underway. We expect to be in a position to determine the request for action by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016. Please note that, depending on the conclusions of the assessments and any further work required, it is possible that the determination will take place after this date.

If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact Kim Bradley at SEPA's Riccarton Office, 0131 273 7320, Kim Bradley@sepa.org.uk.





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Yours sincerely

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