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Sent: 20 August 2019 13:46
To:
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Subject: RE: Assessments for Benchmark proposal

Hi ,

I hope this email finds you well.

We are trying to finalise our thinking on the licensing implications. We have been asked whether the discharge constitutes 'pollution', in terms of substances in the maritime area which result in harm to living resources and marine ecosystems, or whether the output is sufficiently clean as to not constitute 'pollution' following the treatment of the water in the cleantreat system. In terms of chemical pollution, MS seeks SEPA's advice on this issue before we can conclude our considerations. Benchmark has submitted an 'Overview of the Practical Operation of CleanTreat® in Scotland', sent to SEPA by benchmark on 7th June, which provides some details on the activity and we understand you've also seen the draft ERA during a meeting between yourselves and Benchmark. As requested below, if more is needed for SEPA to be able to consider this, please can you let us know?

We understand that the trial in Norway was granted the necessary permissions to allow it to go ahead on the thinking that the proposal did not constitute pollution.

Can I ask you to consider this aspect and let us know as you soon as possible please?

Kindest regards,

From:) (MARLAB)
Sent: 03 July 2019 13:51
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Subject: Assessments for Benchmark proposal

Hi

ASSESSMENTS FOR BENCHMARK PROPOSAL

You will have seen that MS requested some more detail yesterday in relation to the mode of the operation to use the cleantreat vessel for discharging to sea.

You have seen the papers submitted by Benchmark, and you've advised that SEPA considered the ERA to require more info. As I wrote yesterday, MS continues to consider the licensing implications. In the meantime, it would be helpful if SEPA could please advise what more is required of Benchmark in terms of assessments to accompany a licence application and what modelling of discharge SEPA would usually expect to see? I am assuming that the assessments

are location specific, so without Benchmark identifying a location, it may be difficult to advise. However, if this is the case, it would be better to advise them sooner rather than later.

I hope this makes sense, as it's a novel process where we're relying on SEPA's expert advice as a statutory consultee prior to receiving an actual application. Happy to discuss if you wish in the shorter term or, if after this week please email the copy list as I'm on holiday.

Thanks

Kind regards,