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Dyddiad/Date: 27th February 2014

Dear Ms Corbett

**Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010
Improvement Programme Requirements 3, 4 and 5**

I refer to the above Improvement Programme reports submitted as required by your permit variation issued in November 2012. Condition no.4 required an assessment of disposal or recovery options for sludge. You concluded that there are no practicable alternatives to disposal to land at present. This is satisfactory, but you should continue to explore alternatives and keep up to date on possible changes to legislation covering disposal to land as it may change in future.

Conditions nos. 3 and 5 asked for a review of effluent plant performance with the aim of achieving the proposed BAT expected level of BOD of 25mg/l. This proved to be a significant piece of work and the submission date was extended to allow completion. You concluded that although the treatment plant is not BAT in its current configuration, it does generally perform to the expected standard. Emissions are within the new BAT AELs apart from a few occasions. When process controls are optimal the plant runs well and the events that cause it to fluctuate are known. It will be for SCA to demonstrate this level of process control and justify not installing a primary settlement stage when responding to the Regulation 60 Notice for the IED permit variation. This will be in at least another 6 months time so gives more time to optimise the process control and demonstrate consistent plant performance.

The reports satisfy the requirement of the permit and complete the Improvement Programme.

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