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Dear Mr Williams

Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010 (as amended)
Dolwen Abattoir, Permit number GP3235GH

During recent inspections to your site in Dolwen a number of issues relating to noise have been highlighted as having the potential to cause an issue off site.

Powys County Council have recently carried out some noise monitoring in one of the neighbouring properties which has indicated there may be noise issues from your operations.

Condition 2.9.1 of your environmental permit requires that

The Operator shall use BAT so as to prevent, or where that is not practicable, to reduce emissions of noise and vibration from the Permitted Installation, in particular by:

- *Equipment maintenance eg of fans, pumps, motors, conveyors and mobile plant;*
- *Use and maintenance of appropriate attenuation eg silencers, barriers, enclosures;*
- *Timing and location of noisy activities and vehicle movements;*
- *Periodic checking of noise emissions, either qualitatively or quantitatively; and*
- *Maintenance of building fabric*

provided always that the techniques used by the Operator shall be no less effective than those described in the Application, where relevant.

You have confirmed that work is being carried out to improve the electricity supply to site, this is due for completion by the end of August 2015. Once completed, this will result in the refrigerant vehicles being connected to the electrical supply on arrival, rather than relying on diesel engines for the first few hours. This should result in an improvement in the off site noise, both in and out of hours. However, there are other sources on site with the potential to impact on off site noise.

Based on the observations made during inspections, the monitoring carried out by Powys County Council and the complaints received from local residents, Natural Resources Wales require you to carry out an assessment of all equipment on site that has the potential to cause noise.

As part of this review you should carry out a noise monitoring survey to help you rank the noise sources and prioritise any improvements. It is recommended that you engage a noise specialist to carry out this work for you. Prior to carrying out the monitoring you should prepare a proposal detailing the monitoring to be carried out on and off site at the sensitive receptors. This proposal should be submitted in writing to Natural Resources Wales for approval. Please submit this report as soon as possible but no later than 30 September 2015 to enable Natural Resources Wales to agree the scope prior to the monitoring exercise.

A report summarising the overall findings of the assessment and the results of the noise monitoring survey, including timescales for any improvements highlighted should be submitted to Natural Resources Wales by 31 December 2015.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frost".

Julia Frost
Regulatory and Community Liaison Officer

Cc Paul Bufton, Powys County Council