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Dear Kevin

**Re: Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010
Appeal - Hazrem Environmental Ltd, Nine Mile Point Ind. Est.,
Cwmfelinfach, Caerphilly, NP11 7HZ**

On 9th June 2017, the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (supported by Public Health Wales) sought clarification from you on the derivation of the new emission limit used in the revised air quality model and assessment for this development. We requested this clarification – specifically questioning whether the lower emission limit reflected changes in process technology, building and/or operations, or something else – since our public health risk assessments are based on the information you share with us through the formal environmental permit consultation process. You will recall that your reply of 11th July 2017 provided reassurance that you have no reason to doubt the technical data sheet prepared by the manufacturers of the technology and are satisfied that the revised emission limit more accurately reflects process emissions. Based on this, the Health Board was content for the conclusion that we have no grounds for objection to the development to stand, but recommended that a robust air quality monitoring strategy is implemented to validate modelling results if a permit to operate is granted.

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On 11th September 2017, we met with the Rule 6 Party Lower Sirhowy Valley Residents Group and local Assembly Member at their request. The Group summarised the ongoing appeal process, which we understand culminates in a hearing on 4th and 5th October 2017 but which neither the Health Board nor Public Health Wales has been invited to engage with. The Group also shared with us new information that they had collated to inform the appeal, from which we learned that our above conclusion features in the appeal papers, but without acknowledgement of the broader context and assumptions set out in our most recent response. Further, we were presented with other information relating to issues beyond our remit and expertise (such as plant design and best available techniques) which appears to challenge the contents of the permit application documentation. We recognise that this additional information was prepared by the Residents Group and has not been verified by you as the Regulator.

We wish to ensure that our public health responses remain accurate and continue to help inform your decision-making. As such, please would you review the appeal statement of the Lower Sirhowy Valley Residents Group to determine whether this changes the technical content of the permit application; any changes may affect our most recent response.

Yours sincerely



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