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Dear Deborah

PPC SITE INSPECTION – St PIERRE FARM, LANGSTONE FARM & KILREAGUE FARM

Thank you for your time on the 15th June and the 20th of July.

St Pierre Farm — CCS 133633.

The current drainage at St Pierre is that all water (clean and dirty water) drain to the soakaways on site, as discussed the dirty water should be contained and prevented from draining to land, as such this has been recorded as a breach of you permit and scored as follows;

- Failure to maintain clean and dirty water segregation (wash water draining to clean water soakaway) – category 3 breach of drainage management (permit condition 3.3)
- Discharge to land of wash water through soakaway – category 3 breach of emissions to land (permit condition 3.1 & 3.3)

During the visit we discussed the installation of holding tanks with diverter valves which will divert clean water to the soakaway and retain the dirty water in the tanks during wash down periods. If this is still the intention could you confirm this and provide an idea of the probable timescale for the work.

Langstone Farm

The site visit highlighted no issues at the site and that you are fully compliant with your permit.

As discussed if you can confirm as soon as possible what decision you make regarding the possible changes in production at Langstone I can confirm whether a variation to your permit will be required.

Kilreague Farm

The two issues picked up at Kilreague were the discharge of wash water to soakaway and the damage to the concrete in a number of areas. As such these have

been recorded as breaches under your permit;

- Major cracks in the concrete on site (particularly around the drains and where wash water will collect) – category 3 breach of site infrastructure (permit condition 3.3)
- Failure to maintain clean and dirty water segregation (wash water draining to clean water soakaway) – category 3 breach of drainage management (permit condition 3.3)
- Discharge to land of wash water through soakaway – category 3 breach of emissions to land (permit condition 3.1 & 3.3)

As discussed we would be happy for you to use an isolator valve to close off the collection tank during washdown periods allowing the dirty water to be collected and disposed off. The use of this must be detailed in the site operating procedures, emergency plan and responsibility for the management of the valve allocated to a named member of staff. If you could please confirm that this is the route that you would like to take and also provide possible timescales for the repair to the concrete I would be grateful.

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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