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Our ref:

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Dear David

Compliance Inspection Report for Site Inspection of Meadowbanks

Following our inspection on Tuesday 16 February 2010, I am pleased to let you know that the activities we inspected are fully compliant with the following regulations:

- *Pollution Prevention and Control (PPC) Regulations 2000*

During the inspection, we discussed several issues with the site drainage that require attention to reduce the risk of pollution, including the actions which have already been implemented at the request of Suzanne Lawn previously.

The dirty water lagoon is continuing to receive the site drainage from areas where the outlets from the sheds vent onto concrete and clean roof water. However several of the open drains receiving roof water are in need of repair.

The connection from shed 6 dirty water tank to the lagoon has been blocked off and wash water is now pumped out of the tank rather than entering the lagoon. As advised by Suzanne previously, if you wish to continue washing out at the currently used end of shed 6 then a raised edge or lip will need to be installed to ensure wash water drains to the tank and does not escape from the concrete pad. If raised edges are not to be installed then it is recommended, as discussed during the visit, that the doors to shed 6 are altered so that access for loading/unloading and washing out is carried out from the central area at the opposite end.

It was also discussed that as a result of the drain from shed 6 being blocked off a trend of standing water has began in the bottom yard, the suggestion of allowing this surface water to be combined with the clean roof water drains from shed 6 would be acceptable as long as it can be ensured that this water is clean and no cross contamination can occur with wash water from the shed. In addition to this, the use of aggregate to form hard standing should be considered for the bottom yard, this should improve drainage as the ground will no longer be churned up by vehicles accessing the sheds.

It would be advisable that the outfall pipe for the clean roof water entering the lagoon, which has been covered by the recent groundworks, is located as soon as possible to encourage free drainage from the far corner of shed 4.

Please submit to me an Improvement Plan by 12th March 2010 which outlines the dates by which you aim to have completed the following:

1. Repairs to the open drains for clean roof water, (this should ideally be completed within 2months).
2. Relocation of doors in shed 6 to opposite end, (this should ideally be completed within 2months).
3. It is acceptable for the areas which are to be concreted to be completed in stages over a 12month period, however I will require updates on progress to ensure that the proposed timescales are kept to or reasoning as to why they have not. Therefore if you submit a proposal to me for all planned improvements, prioritising the areas of higher risk and the timescales for their completion. For instance if the doors to shed 6 are to be changed to the central area then it should be here that works are carried out first, with a raised edge or sill installed against the roadway to ensure the wash water drains to the dirty water tanks, the concrete area should also be extended to encompass the area which is currently hard standing. You should make considerations for the area of yard which will then be drained as it may require a further dirty water tank to be installed as the capacity of current tanks may not suffice.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss what I have proposed further or have any questions about this letter or the regulations.

Yours faithfully

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