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Our Ref: EAS/P/1173599

28 October 2021

Dear Cllr Mackie

**ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATIONS (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2018
APPLICATIONS FOR VARIATION FOR DOUNREAY SITE RESTORATION LIMITED
PERMIT EAS/P/1173599 LOW LEVEL WASTE FACILITY, DOUNREAY**

In accordance with SEPA's public participation statement I am writing to inform you that SEPA is consulting on an application from Dounreay Site Restoration Limited to vary their permit, issued under the Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Regulations 2018, for the low level waste disposal facility.

Dounreay Site Restoration Limited's variation application is primarily seeking to change the method for evaluating the total permitted inventory to be disposed of by making use of a sum of fractions approach. This method provides more flexibility for the operator regarding the waste disposed of to the site while still ensuring compliance with the environmental safety case. In addition, there are a number of administrative changes that are being requested following changes in legislation and guidance, and from operational experience.

SEPA considers the Dounreay Stakeholder Group to be an appropriate organisation to seek views from in this initial stage of our consultation process. Therefore, I would be grateful if you could provide a response to this consultation by 10 December 2021 with details of any representations / comments on the application that you wish to make, or a statement that you have no comments at this time.

SEPA has deemed this application to be a major variation and therefore we will be carrying out a formal public consultation, which will not begin until after 10 December 2021.

After the public consultation and once SEPA has determined the application, you will again be contacted and be provided with a draft of the determination. Should SEPA be minded to grant the variation application, you will also be provided with a draft copy of the permit for your consideration. There will then be another 6-week period where you can make any additional representations to SEPA.

In the meantime, should you have any questions on the application, please do not hesitate to contact me at richard.mcleod@sepa.org.uk.



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1. D3100 LLW Disposal Facilities: Application to SEPA for a variation to EAS/P/1173599 – Supporting Document
2. D3100 LLW Disposal Facilities: Environmental Safety Case 2020