Dear Sir/Madam

CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW EARTH BANK LAGOON FOR THE STORAGE OF DIGESTATE PRODUCED AT THE ANAEROBIC DIGESTION PLANT AT WILCROSS FARM

WATT CLOSE FARM BURNLEY ROAD, GISBURN, CLITHEROE, BB7 4JJ.

Thank you for re-consulting us on the above application.

The results of the submitted soil permeability tests carried out by Allied Exploration and Geotechnics Ltd (Ref: NWV/MS/SLS901, dated 29 January 2014) indicate that the clay lining the lagoon meets the compliance standard with a permeability of less than $10^{-9}$ m/s and has a clay content of 28%. Testing was carried out in accordance with BS 1377. The applicant should be aware that the impermeable clay forming the base of the lagoon should be present to a depth of at least 1 metre. Given the above, the condition we included in our previous response dated 15 January 2014 no longer applies.

Advice to applicant
The Environment Agency must be informed of a new, reconstructed or enlarged slurry store, silage clamp or fuel stores at least 14 days before the structure is brought into use. Further guidance is available on our website at www.environment-agency.gov.uk

A copy of this letter has been sent to the applicant/agent.

Yours faithfully

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