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Dear Mr McGillivray

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION - ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email, received by us on 17 March 2010, in which you asked for the following information:

- 1. What measures if any has SEPA put in place to prevent environmental mercury contamination from disposal of fluorescent "energy saving" light bulbs?*
- 2. Have any studies been conducted into the levels of mercury present in landfill sites and surrounding areas (as well as other locations) from such sources as discarded energy saving light bulbs?*
- 3. Has an assessment been conducted by SEPA into the risk of contamination of public water supplies, groundwater, atmosphere and ecological systems from disposal of energy saving light bulbs, taking into account likely future increase in domestic use of these bulbs?*
- 4. Has SEPA conducted any research into the direct health effects of use of energy saving light bulbs (For example claims that they emit RF radiation or "dirty electricity" that can lead to migraines, fatigue, eye strain, skin irritation and other symptoms)?*
- 5. What facilities exist in Scotland for the proper disposal of energy saving light bulbs to prevent mercury contamination?*

Under the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004, we must respond to your request as soon as possible and within 20 working days. This means that we will issue you with a response by 16 April 2010 at the latest. Please allow for postal time.

Your unique reference number is F0154167. Please quote this in any future contact with us about your request.

This acknowledgement letter has been sent electronically to request-30641-6a4d242d@whatdotheyknow.com. If you would like a hard copy signed letter please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you have any queries in the meantime please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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