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Dear Neil

RE : Enforcement Notice EP/E MD 000456

This letter is a response to Part Authorisation-Condition-3.1 of the Schedule of Enforcement Notice EP/E MD 000456:

"The Operator shall submit a proposal to the Environment Agency for the detection, recovery and safe disposal of the polyphosphoric acid lost to ground".

Rhodia propose to excavate the contaminated soil and dispose of it offsite via a licensed waste company. Simple pH monitoring will be used to ensure all contaminated soil is excavated. The contaminated soil will be treated as special waste (Section 62 forms will be completed and sent to the Environment Agency) and disposed of by 5 August 2002.

Rhodia believe that since the spillage most of the polyphosphoric acid lost to ground has been diluted by groundwater and has passed to a nearby storm drain.

Dye tests (using fluorescein) have confirmed the pathway between the area of contaminated ground and the nearby storm drain.

All of the water entering this particular storm drain (S125) is automatically pumped via an overhead line directly to the Effluent Plant where it is treated (neutralised) with lime.

I believe that the steps taken above will ensure compliance with Authorisation Condition 3.1.

If you have any queries on this matter please do not hesitate to contact me on 0121 541 3343.

Yours sincerely

HSE Manager
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