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Dyddiad/Date: 18 June 2014

Dear Merlyn Roberts

I am writing in respect of your recent request for information (ATI 4622) under the provisions of the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) (2004).

1) In Flintshire there are a number of incinerators burning waste material. Given the potential health risks, what checks have been undertaken to ensure the emissions from these are within safe limits?

Currently, there are 2 incinerators in Flintshire burning waste material. These are UPM-Kymmene Shotton Paper Mill and Castle Cement Padeswood. Different types of waste material are burnt at each of these sites. Both sites are subject to the Environmental Permitting Regulations and therefore have an environmental permit issued by Natural Resources Wales. These permits detail how the site must be operated and impose strict emission limit values and monitoring and reporting requirements. We have a dedicated team, the Pollution Prevention and Control Team based in our Buckley office, who regulate these sites. The environmental permits and all associated monitoring and reporting data are Public Register documents and can be viewed at our Buckley office.

2) What monitoring takes place in relation to the emission of small particles?

This is detailed in the environmental permits. Both sites are fitted with Continuous Emission Monitors (CEMs) which continually measure and record the stack emissions. These emissions must meet strict emission limit values. Periodically the stack emissions are also monitored by accredited companies to ensure the CEMs equipment is accurate.

3) What were the findings of monitoring done by Natural Resources Wales to date?

All monitoring results are available to view on the Public Register in our Buckley office.

Yours sincerely

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