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Dear Mr Bramhall,

Thank you for your e-mail dated 18 August 2018. I can confirm that I have read your previous correspondence and that it has been passed to the appropriate staff in NRW.

Our previous correspondence to you confirmed that the UK Government's Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) is the appropriate authority to influence any changes to the current standards, and that you should continue to communicate with them and their advisory bodies. Our advice remains unchanged.

We will consider any implications of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 on a case-by-case basis. As stated in our previous letter, we are satisfied that Cefas analysed the samples in accordance with internationally recognised standards.

Further information on our regulation of this marine licence can be found on our website at:

https://naturalresources.wales/about-us/news-and-events/statements/marine-licence-to-dispose-dredged-material-off-the-coast-of-south-wales/?lang=en

We remain confident that all the requirements under current best practice and international guidelines have been met in our determination of this licence. We are satisfied that the results of the testing meet the standards required for depositing the marine sediment at the designated disposal site, and from the evidence presented we believe that the material is safe for disposal with no risk to people or the environment.

Yours sincerely

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Dr Madeleine Havard

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