

For the attention of: Sir Philip Dilley, Chairman, Environment Agency Board.

Magnox Limited, Bradwell: Environment Agency decision to allow a regulated discharge to be made with a valid consent.

Dear Sir Philip,

We wrote to you at the EA's Head Office, Bristol, on 5th October 2015, copy attached, concerning the EA's decision to permit and take no enforcement action over a discharge from Magnox Limited's nuclear power station in the Blackwater Estuary, Essex, when no valid licence or consent issued by the Agency in the name of the company was in place. We asked you to investigate the legal status of this decision by the EA. A background paper, submitted by us (Marinet Limited) to the EA on 18th September 2015 was included with our letter of 5th October for your information, and is attached.

We received no acknowledgement or reply from you to our letter of 5th October.

Accordingly, we sent a reminder letter to you, copy attached, on 20th November 2015.

We received no acknowledgement or reply from you to our letter of 20th November.

Accordingly, we sent a third letter, 16th December, copy attached, by recorded delivery and advised that if a reply was still not forthcoming then we would need to consider an alternative in order to bring this matter to your attention.

At the time of writing, 8th January 2016, we have received no response from you to our communication of 16th December.

However yesterday (7th January) the Royal Mail returned to me our letter to you of 20th November, and on the envelope of our letter (correctly addressed to you at the EA Head Office, Bristol) was a Royal Mail information statement, dated 23rd November, which said that "the addressee has gone away". This is clearly absurd, and one is led to conclude that your office at the EA Head Office had declined to accept the delivery of this letter to you.

Accordingly I telephone the EA main office in London at Horseferry Road and explained the situation to them. Their advice to me was that I submit the full correspondence to you by email.

This I am now doing, and we would be most grateful if you would investigate the legality of a decision by the EA to permit a discharge without a valid consent by Magnox Limited at their plant at Bradwell, Essex.

We would also be grateful for your confirmation of your receipt of this communication.

With regards,
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