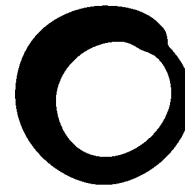




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16th April 2010.

For the attention of: Bruce Tomlinson, Project Director, Anglian Offshore Dredging Association,
c/o Emu Ltd, 1 Mill Court, The Sawmills, Durley, Southampton SO32 2EJ.

Dear Dr. Tomlinson, AODA MAREA Final Scoping Report.

We wrote to you on 6th July 2009 stating:

“We are in receipt of your company’s letter from Steve Freeman which advises us that Emu Ltd has been awarded Phase Two of the Anglian MAREA contract.

As you will recall from our earlier correspondence (see my letter dated 14th February 2009 and your email to us dated 31st March 2009, copies enclosed), you have undertaken to respond - once Phase 2 of the contract had been determined by AODA - to the concerns that MARINET has raised at the Scoping Stage of the MAREA contract concerning omissions in the scope of the Regional Environmental Assessment.

I would be grateful if you would now confirm that you will give MARINET’s concerns your early attention, and we await your early response.

As you will know, we are not content for Phase 2 of the REA to go forward until our specific concerns have been adequately address. Our understanding of adequacy in this matter has already been defined for you in our earlier correspondence.”

We advise that, to date, we have received no reply from you to our letter of 6th July 2009.

In the intervening period we have written to the Minister of State at Defra to ask that the Minister call in the East Anglian marine aggregate REA so that it be amended to include the scientific studies which we have requested. A copy of our letter dated 1st February 2010 to the Minister is enclosed for your information, and may also be viewed on our website, see <http://www.marinet.org.uk/mad/objection/reastephen1hid.pdf>

The reply from the Minister, dated 2nd March 2010, is also enclosed for your information.

At present, the Minister is stating that the REA is a voluntary process initiated, led and funded by the marine aggregate industry, and **that therefore the Scoping Report and the inclusion of scientific studies, such as those requested by MARINET in order to determine the true and full extent of the impact of marine aggregate dredging on the coastline, are wholly the responsibility of the marine aggregate industry.**

Accordingly, we would be grateful for your reply to our letter of 6th July 2009, and for your specific reply as to the question whether the East Anglian Marine Aggregate REA is going to include the scientific studies which we have requested.

We sincerely hope that you will reply in the affirmative. Such a reply is essential if the marine aggregate industry is to prove, by means of scientific evidence, that its impact on the coastal processes of East Anglia is benign and of no concern.

Sincere regards

S. D. Eades
On behalf of MARINET.