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Dear Mr Hall

Proposed modification to Weston Aluminium Dross Recycling Facility - DA 86-04-01 Mod 12 and DA 10397 of 1995 Mod 10 - Processing of illicit drugs and pharmaceutical wastes – Response to Submissions - Environment Protection Authority (EPA)

I refer to your email to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) dated 3 November 2017, seeking comments in relation to the Weston Aluminium Dross Recycling Facility modification application. The modification is applied for under two separate consents, being DA 86-04-01 (Modification 12) and DA 10397 of 1995 (Modification 10), and relates to thermal processing of illicit drugs and pharmaceutical wastes.

The final verification report for the trial of thermal treatment of pharmaceutical and illicit drugs has not been provided to EPA. This information is required before the EPA can appropriately assess the proposal and any potential environmental impacts. Accordingly, the EPA is unable to provide a detailed response, and requests that further information be provided with a reasonable timeframe for review and assessment prior to any further advice being given.

Yours Sincerely

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