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Dear Mr Taylor

Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999 and the Pollution Prevention and Control Regulations 2000 – Permit to Operate a Prescribed Installation

From 1st April 2000 a new pollution control regime was introduced by the Pollution Prevention and Control Regulations 2000. This affects your Part B installation that was covered by the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

The Regulations introduce three systems for regulation of specified industrial installations. The Environment Agency will regulate A1 installations and the Local Authority regulates A2 and Part B installations. An integrated environmental approach will be applied to A2 installations which means that emissions to air, water and land, plus a range of other activities with an environmental impact must be considered. Part B installations which are currently regulated by local authorities for air emissions will remain subject to air-only regulation.

The transfer of existing part B processes into the new local authority pollution prevention and control (LAPPC) regime will take place over a phased timetable and require process operators to obtain a permit to operate rather than an authorisation. The transfer date for your industry sector was 1st April 2004. As an existing Part B process your existing authorisation automatically became a "deemed application" for LAPPC purposes. There was therefore no need for you to apply for a permit or pay an additional fee.

Following consideration of your deemed application, the City Council has granted your permit. This is attached. The same conditions have been used that were in your authorisation, although there has been some review and re-numbering.

If you wish to discuss your new permit please contact me on the number above. You do have a right of appeal against any of the conditions, and the supplementary notes in appendix 1 of the permit outline the appeals process. You will also note from the supplementary notes that there are also changes in other areas for example, how the permit is transferred, or how you apply for changes to the permit.



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