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Dear Mr Foster

Application for Variation to IPC Authorisation Number AA2488

We recently provided further information in support of our IPPC permit application comprising two BAT cases; one for the storage of petroleum coke blended with coal, the other for commercial burn of petroleum coke blends.

We anticipated receiving an IPPC permit early in 2007 however, due to factors outside our control, it seems unlikely that we will be issued with a permit in the short term.

To prevent un-necessary delay to our petroleum coke blend programme and potential commercial disadvantage, we wish to make an application for a minor variation to our IPC Authorisation (Number AA2488). In support of this, please find enclosed the following documents, which are revised versions of the documents provided formally to you on the 21st February 2007:

- 1) BATNEEC Case for Commercial Burn of Petroleum Coke / Coal and for the external storage of blended material.
- 2) Annex 1: Report from the Phase II Motiva Trial
- 3) Annex 2: BATNEEC case for the external storage of petroleum coke

Document (1) draws heavily on information gained from Phase 2 of the petroleum coke trials which demonstrated no significant adverse environmental impact when burning Motiva type petroleum coke blended with coal (the report is included as Annex 1). This BATNEEC case therefore supports the burning of similar types of petroleum coke blended with coal up to the maximum proportions demonstrated through the trial, across all six units at Drax Power Station.



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Drax therefore applies for permission under IPC Authorisation AA2488 to burn petroleum coke blends commercially under the following conditions:

- The petroleum coke will be of similar specification to Motiva petroleum coke, blended with coal
- That the petroleum coke is blended with coal to instantaneous blends of up to 20% (15% monthly average).
- That the petroleum coke /coal blend is to be burnt across all six units at Drax Power Station.
- Up to 120,000t of Petroleum coke/coal blend will be stored in a dedicated section of the existing coal stock yard.
- The existing off-site environmental monitoring will continue to identify any local impacts

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Oliver Baybut". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "O".

Oliver Baybut
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