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Dear Sir/Madam

The Agency notes your letter of 6th March 2015 in relation to licence application P0738-03 Shell E&P Ireland Limited. However, it is not at liberty to enter into correspondence relating to a particular licence application other than in accordance with the applicable statutory criteria.

The following comments therefore relate to general practice in relation to licences, rather than any specific case.

Your clients may monitor the pages of the Agency's website relating to any licence application to obtain updates on information received. They may also register for RSS feeds which will provide them with notification when documents are posted relating to it.

Where they have already made a submission in relation to an application, they may make further submissions in relation to additional information received, until a proposed determination is issued, after which they may, if they wish, object to the proposed determination. You will be familiar with the applicable legal provisions.

Where an activity is likely to have a significant effect on the environment, the Agency carries out an environmental impact assessment. Where it is likely to have significant effects on a site protected under the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, it carries out an appropriate assessment of those effects. Public participation in the decision making process is a cornerstone of the licensing process and the Agency would encourage your clients to make any substantive submissions they may wish to have considered without delay.

It is the practice of the Agency to treat letters referencing a particular application as a submission in relation to it. Whilst noting that you state that that your email of the 16th February 2015 is not intended as a submission, the Agency considers it important that all parties to the licensing process should be aware of all correspondence received relating to it, and has accordingly placed your letter and on file. It will do likewise with your letter of 6 March and this reply.

Yours sincerely

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