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Dear Ms Martin

CHARGED ADVICE AGREEMENT ENVPAC/1/CLA/00187

**PRE-SUBMISSION REVIEW OF ECOLOGICAL MITIGATION PROPOSALS ON
HUTBANK LANDFILL SITE**

**POW BECK VALLEY AND AREA FROM MARCHON SITE TO ST BEES COAST,
CUMBRIA**

I refer to the above and your e-mail dated 25 June 2024..

We have reviewed the following document:-

- Cumbria Metallurgical Coal Project Updated Reptile Translocation and Habitat Creation Method Statement (Main Mine Site) [P23-711] Updated Reptile Method Statement Main Mine Site (dated 19/06/2024)

Environment Agency position

The former Hutbank quarry landfill was capped with a bentonite geosynthetic cap and engineered to minimise water infiltration into the waste body. It is imperative that the integrity of the cap is not compromised. Subsoil cover of 400mm protects the cap and there should be no excavations over 100mm to ensure the retention of a sufficient protective buffer over the cap.

The proposal for surface constructed hibernacula are acceptable and the 100mm fence post penetration is also acceptable.

We have no objections in principle to the installation of the hibernacula as proposed.

Yours sincerely

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