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If telephoning ask for:

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Dear Mr Frew

**THE WATER ENVIRONMENT (CONTROLLED ACTIVITIES) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2011
MAR LODGE ESTATE**

SEPA recently received notification and photographic evidence that machinery had been operated in a small burn located on the above estate. It appears from this information that the operation had been carried out during the construction of a deer fence on the estate.

Having reviewed the information SEPA are not minded to investigate further at this time however I would take this opportunity to remind you of your obligations under the above Regulations to not cause pollution of the water environment.

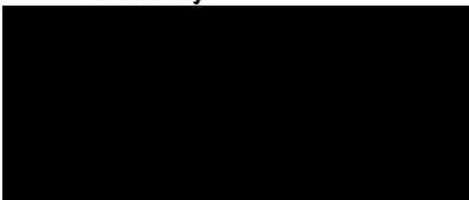
Operating machinery in any watercourse should be avoided in all circumstances except where there is no practicable alternative available. Where it is necessary to undertake work in a watercourse then best practice must be observed and all reasonable steps must be taken to mitigate for potential pollution due to disturbed sediment and fuel and oil leakages.

I would also remind you that, depending on the nature of the works and size of the watercourse, authorisation may be required from SEPA under the above Regulations.

While there is no evidence of pollution having occurred at this time, any further incident may warrant investigation and may result in SEPA taking such enforcement action as it deems necessary.

If you have any queries regarding this letter then please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below.

Yours sincerely



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