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Your reference:
L/2017/00012/9

By email only

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Dear Mr Cram,

Able Seaton Port berths, Holding Basin, and Channel – Mid-licence (year six) sample analysis results

Thank you for your submission of the following documents on 5 April 2023 via Return 6.5 and Return 6.6 on 11 May 2023:

- ASC-002-00004 A Seaton Channel Sampling Locations 2022.pdf
- MAR01671 MMO_Results_Template Rev 1.xlsm
- MAR01671.pdf
- Ocean Ecology PSA confirmation.msg
- MAR01671 MMO_Results_Template Rev 1.2.xlsm

These documents were submitted to fulfil conditions 5.2.13 and 5.2.14 on the Marine Licence L/2017/00012/9:

Condition 5.2.13:

'A relevant sediment sampling plan request must be submitted at least 6 months prior to the end of years 3 and 6 from the date of issue. The relevant sediment sampling and analysis must be completed by a laboratory validated by the MMO at least 6 weeks prior to the end of years 3 and 6 from the date of issue.

The licensed activities must not recommence until written approval is provided by the MMO.

Reason: To ensure only suitable material is dredged and disposed of at sea.'

Condition 5.2.14:

'The relevant sampling during years 3 and 6 of the licence must include sampling for Brominated Diethyl Ethers (BDEs).

Reason: Due to the local historic industrial source of these contaminants in the Tees Estuary.'

The MMO, in consultation with our technical advisors at Cefas, have reviewed the submitted documents listed above and is satisfied that the documents, for year six, fulfil the requirement of conditions 5.2.13 and 5.2.14 of Able Seaton Port berths, Holding Basin and Channel Marine Licence L/2017/00012/9. Dredging and disposal activities can



recommence.

As noted in our 'updates required' letter, dated 10 May 2023, the MMO will vary the marine licence under section 72 (3) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act. If possible, the new annual sampling requirements will be added via the existing variation request that is being processed, otherwise a new variation will be opened, and a new estimate issued for associated fees.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



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