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Mr S Booth 28th March 1996

Dear Sir,

Re: Hazardous Substance Consent, Esso Gas Limited, Coolham Depot, Coolham Road, Coolham

I refer to our previous correspondence on this matter and in particular my letters of the 21st November 1994 and the 14th February 1995.

I have now received a response from the Health and Safety Executive to my letter of the 27th February 1994, which confirms the comments in my letter of the 21st November 1994.

With regard to the validity of the consent, the Health and Safety Executive state "that as the quantity claimed is less than the vessel capacity quoted in part 4, table C of the claim form, it would be hard to decide whether that claim is only valid for portable containers (cylinders) storage or not at all".

The Heath and Safety Executive does however, confirm that the consultation arrangements have always been made on the basis of the existing bulk storage and has not changed since originally established in 1988. Had the application been correctly made out I can confirm that hazardous substance consent for the bulk and movable container storage would have been granted.

Finally, I can confirm the contents of your letters of the 1st November 1994 and 2nd December 1994 are noted, as are the comments of the two other District Councils on similar matters. However, I am still of the opinion the most appropriate way to regularise the position would be to submit an application seeking to increase the established quantity of liquid petroleum gas to reflect the amount actually stored at the site.

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f.a.o. Mr C Perrier

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I trust this information clarifies the position regarding this matter and for your information I enclose a copy of the Health and Safety Executive's comments for your information.

Yours faithfully,

TONY CURTIS
Chief Planning Officer

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