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Our ref: WX/2025/139539/01-L01
Your ref: PL/2025/09729

Date: 30 December 2025

Dear Ms. Wright,

**DISCHARGE OF CONDITION 14 (REMEDIATION STRATEGY) OF PL/2022/06298
CHICKLADE SERVICE STATION, CHICKLADE**

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the above application.

We have reviewed the following documents:

- *Phase I Desk Study (Ground & Water, November 2025)*
- *Phase II Site Investigation Report (Ground & Water, November 2025)*
- *Remediation Method Statement Report (Ground & Water, November 2025)*

Environment Agency position

Based on the information submitted, we currently do **not** recommend the discharge of Condition 14.

Reasons

Following review of the above documents, we are concerned with the lack of targeted ground investigation in the vicinity of the underground storage tanks, which are reportedly in the south-eastern corner of the site. There is little reference to how the sampling points relate to fuel infrastructure or assurances that they would have intercepted any contamination should it be present. This significantly increases the uncertainty regarding the presence of contamination, the requirement for remediation, and the techniques that would be appropriate at this site.

The Phase II Site Investigation and Remediation Method Statement reports do call for removal of the tanks and fuel transfer infrastructure, and validation sampling of excavation extents, which we support and do make provision for assessment of the risk posed by any contamination discovered during that process.

However, we do not support the proposal to simply spray the excavation with Petrofix solution if validation samples indicate residual contamination because from such samples the extent of the contamination behind the exposed face would be unknown

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and there would be no guarantee that the treatment would penetrate sufficiently to fully remove the risk. Testing the surface of the excavation again after two weeks would also not demonstrate that any contamination plume beyond the face has been adequately dealt with.

We therefore recommend that further measures are incorporated to demonstrate that any contamination encountered is fully understood and can be confidently remediated to acceptable levels.

If you have any queries regarding our response, please get in touch at wx.sp@environment-agency.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

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