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Our ref: NO/2024/116090/01-L01
Your ref: 4/24/2165/0F1
Date: 03 June 2024

Dear Ms Morrison,

DRILLING OF SIX TEMPORARY BOREHOLES TO SUPPORT THE SELECTION OF AN IN-GROUND TESTING AREA.

MID TOWN FARM/TARN HEAD FARM, SEASCALE TO SELLAFIELD ROAD, BECKERMET

Thank you for consulting us on the above application, received 17 May 2024.

Environment Agency position

We have no objections to the proposed development, however we wish to make the following comments:-

We have reviewed the application and supporting information, including the Ecological Impact Assessment (referenced: 5226193, revision 1.3; dated 19/04/2024) and Design and Access Statement (referenced: PLC_BCC_2219), both prepared by Sellafield Ltd.

We have no concerns in regard to long term impacts upon the groundwater environment. It should be noted that a groundwater investigation consent is unlikely to be required based on the proposals, as there is no mention of abstracting from the boreholes. However, if there is a plan to abstract greater than 20 cubic metres per day, an abstraction license and/or a groundwater investigation consent may be needed.

Yours sincerely,

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