

Our ref: CP3035MK

Your ref:

Date: 10 December 2019

Dear Mr Coomber

The Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2016 Report of noise disturbance from West Burton Power Station/s

I write in reply to your recent letter dated 4 December 2019.

I can confirm that we have now arranged a date for the noise audit at West Burton B Power Station. This will be undertaken on 22 January 2020.

Please note we fully intend to undertake this intervention on this date. There are occasions however when, due to illness or, if we are required to resource a pollution or flooding incident, we would have to rearrange to another date.

Following the noise audit a Compliance Assessment Report detailing any environmental permit non-compliance and containing any required actions will be issued to the operator. We aim to issue the report within 14 days, however if we have technical issues to research and if input from other colleagues is required, it may not be possible to meet this 14 day target.

The purpose of the noise audit is to assess compliance with the relevant environmental permit condition, stated in full in my previous letter dated 29 November 2019, and specifically to determine if appropriate measures have been employed on the site. This will not involve monitoring or testing using a sound level meter or other similar equipment.

To determine if appropriate measures have been employed, we will be informed by the Best Available Techniques (BAT) Conclusions for Large Combustion Plants dated 31 July 2017:

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1503383091262&uri=CELEX:32017D1442

BAT 1(xv) and BAT 17 refer to noise.

I trust this letter fully clarifies our proposed action. Please contact me If you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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