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PRESALL UNDERGROUND GAS STORAGE FACILITY

Dear Mr Scott

Thank you for your letter of 8th April giving me the opportunity to comment on the further matters which the Secretary of State has to reconsider.

In the order as listed in your letter:--

1. I do not think that there has been sufficient geological investigation to demonstrate that the proposed number of gas caverns and volume of gas to be stored can be safely achieved.
2. I do not think that the proposed development is consistent with the national policy statement EN4.
3. If the Secretary of State has no alternative but to consent to the application, I strongly believe that "Requirement 6 of the draft development consent order recommended by the Examining Authority Report of 21st January 2013" should form a condition of that consent.

4. I do not think that the Environmental information submitted by Halite to date is adequate and that supplementary information is required.

5. I think that the placing of such a potentially hazardous development in such close proximity to a densely populated area is not acceptable on grounds of public safety, particularly in view of the small volume of contribution to the UK total gas storage, which is now being achieved by construction in much safer and geologically suitable locations.

Yours Faithfully

A M Moore