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**To:** National Infrastructure Consents  
**Subject:** Preesall Underground Gas Storage Geological report

Dear Mr Scott

Thank you for your email concerning the above. I would like to make the following representations/responses:

- 1 The introductory "sweep up" rider to the report which seeks to exclude liability for inaccuracy, omission etc renders the report worthless and undermines the whole purpose of such a report. Where the lives of hundreds of residents are at stake, a casual exclusion clause is inappropriate and serves to illustrate the authors lack of confidence in the reports content. The author can effectively "walk away" from possible death and destruction. Can *none* of the report be factually guaranteed?
- 2 The report confirms the unstable nature of the caverns which should be sufficient evidence in itself to prevent the storage of explosive gases.
- 3 Local "fracking" will serve to increase this risk of instability.
- 4 Environmental pollution of the Irish Sea is unacceptable and the report fails to remedy or justify this.
- 5 The report offers no solutions in relation to emergency situations and technical estimates and extrapolations in the report will leave emergency services vague as to risk to life.
- 6 The report offers no empirical evidence in relation to the proposal for gas storage at Preesall and offers no "like for like" studies or figures. Effectively a guessing game ensues at the site

Yours faithfully

Mr B. Bayley.