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Dear Members of the Examining Authority

Application by Chrysaor Production (UK) Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Viking Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Pipeline

On 11 January 2024, the Environment Agency made Relevant Representations [[RR-034](#)] on the proposal by Chrysaor Production (UK) Limited ('the Applicant') to construct, operate and maintain a pipeline to transport compressed and conditioned CO₂ from a facility at Immingham to store in depleted gas reservoirs under the Southern North Sea ('the Project'). The purpose of these Written Representations is to provide an update on further discussions that have taken place since we submitted those Relevant Representations.

The Environment Agency and the Applicant have been engaging on a draft Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) and met to discuss this, along with all the issues included in the Relevant Representations, on 7 March 2024. Progress on all these matters is now recorded in the draft SoCG, which the Applicant will submit on our behalf at Deadline 1. Further progress on resolving these matters will continue to be recorded in future iterations of the SoCG.

Alongside this, the Environment Agency is currently reviewing its standard protective provisions which all applicants are expected to enter into before we will agree to disapplication. We expect to complete this exercise by the end of May and will then update the Applicant and the Examining Authority on our position regarding the acceptability of the form of protective provisions put forward by the applicant.

Should you require any additional information, or wish to discuss these matters further, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number below.

Yours faithfully

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