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Our ref: RA/2015/133208/01-L01
Your ref: 32/2015/15584
Date: 23 September 2015

Dear Mr Moore

**LICENSES/PERMITS QUERY (AIREDALE CHEMICALS). AIREDALE MILLS,
SKIPTON ROAD, CROSS HILLS, KEIGHLEY, BD20 7BX**

Thank you for your email in connection with the above site which we received on 9 September 2015.

Airedale Chemical Company Ltd are regulated by the Environment Agency under the Environmental Permitting Regulations, permit number EPR/RP3238SE, and as a lower tier site under Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) Regulations.

Changes to bulk storage on the installation require a variation to the Environmental Permit EPR/RP3238SE. Airedale Chemical Company Ltd have applied for two variations in relation to this planning application, permit RP3238SE/V006 (issued 25/6/14) and RP3238SE/V007 (issued 7/4/15) which look at the changes to the bulk tank storage on site and associated bunding. These permit variations are attached for information and a consolidated permit RP3238SE/V004 is also included for reference. These include permitted activities taking place on site as well as emission points. Inspection reports and other documents in relation to the permit can be accessed via the EA public register at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/access-the-public-register-for-environmental-information>

Visits to the operator to inspect their operations against the environmental permit have been carried out regularly and have included discussion and requirements for emergency plans and risk assessment. If findings show that the operator is not compliant with their Environmental Permit, enforcement action is taken in line with the Environment Agency Enforcement and Sanctions Statement to secure compliance.

3 minor breaches have been recorded in 2015 against Airedale Chemical Company Ltd. 10 minor breaches and 2 significant breaches were recorded in 2014. The 2 significant breaches and 5 of the minor breaches in 2014 resulted from an investigation into the nitric acid vapour emission from the installation, for which the HSE secured a prosecution. Remedial actions from these investigations have been used to improve risk assessments, management systems and emergency plans.

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Under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010 permitted sites should not cause harm to human health or pollution of the environment. The operator is required to have appropriate measures in place at the site to prevent pollution to the environment, harm to human health, the quality of the environment, detriment to the surrounding amenity or damage to material property. Measures are reviewed as part of an application for an Environmental Permit under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010 and by ongoing regulation of the permitted site.

Yours sincerely

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