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Dear Miranda

**RE: Cemex Materials ,Cliff Quay, Ipswich IP3 0BS
The Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999**

I write following my recent inspection. At the time of the visits the site was only being used for storage and this has been the case for sometime and likely to be the case in the near future. The site was compliant with the relevant conditions of the permit. I have amended the risk assessment and due to your environmental management system in place, you are now a low risk site.

I have looked into your enquiry about why you have 2 permits with the same reference number. Firstly the same reference number should not have been used for the 2 permits which is an error. However the reason you have two permits is because they cover 2 sites. When RMC applied for the permits they had a separate coal handling site from your main site. At the time of application there was discussion about whether the 2 sites which are close to each other could be covered by one permit, advice was taken from DETR (the then equivalent government department to DEFRA) who confirmed the Council should issue two separate permits.

The issue has been less than clear because of the same reference number being used and also the same site plan being attached to both of the permits. I attach the copies of the two permits that you gave me on site and labelled them A and B. In permit B the plan reference in the process description does not match the reference number of the plan attached and I expect refers to the coal process site on the plan. To confuse matters further I also have on file a plan showing a coal handling area (copy enclosed).

I think therefore to resolve the situation if you confirm preferable on a site plan which site(s) you operate from, we can amend the permits. If you are only operating from one site (the one I visited) and no longer operate outside the boundary of that site then you can surrender one of the permits. The permits are similar in wording and I would recommend that you surrender the permits labelled B, and I will amend permit labelled A to include some wording about maximum throughput and mass of material stored and include the site plan that you send me and we can then operate from one permit which will cover your activities from the one site.

If however you are or may still operate from another site either that labelled on the plan as coal handling area or coal process site then you will need to retain 2 permits.

The surrender form can be found on the Councils website but I enclose a copy.

I hope this explains the position but please contact me if you wish to discuss the matter

Yours sincerely

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