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Dear Sirs

Holding No DEFRA 476190007

Additional Slurry Lagoon Gunthwaite Hall

I enclose a planning application for a new earth-banked slurry store. The Environment Agency has visited the proposed site and ground tests have been carried out and the proposed material was found to be suitable for construction purposes. The base and banking will be puddled clay construction.

The Environment Agency has calculated with the applicant that 756 cubic metres of capacity is required to deal with the 5 months storage requirement for cattle slurry. The actual proposed capacity is in excess of the current requirement to deal with future variations. It also includes an additional 750mm high freeboard as recommended by the Environment Agency.

The site was inspected by Mr. Simon Taylor of the Environment Agency in Rotherham. The address is:

Bowbridge Close
Templeborough
Rotherham
S60 1BY

The proposal is to be constructed in accordance with Environment Agency Note No. CGN 002 July 2000 and Factsheet 5 – Earth Bank Slurry Stores and Tanks and will be constructed and supervised by a suitable contractor and will meet the requirements of “The Control of Pollution (silage, slurry and Agricultural Fuel Oil) Regulations 1991, and as amended 1997.

The existing slurry store is inadequate to meet current requirements for storage of organic manure detailed in leaflet 4 “Guidance for farmers in Nitrate Vulnerable Zones” October 2008. The Nitrate Pollution Prevention Regulations 2008 require the lagoon to be constructed by the Applicant and operational by January 2012. The lagoon will not be visible from any public area, will be protected by fencing and will largely be hidden by existing trees and shrubbery at the perimeter.

Yours faithfully



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