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Our Ref:
Your Ref:

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Sent by email to: environment@mowi.com

Dear Sir / Madam

Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003

The Water Environment (Controlled Activities) Scotland) Regulations 2011 (As Amended)

The Environmental Authorisation (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (as amended)

Location: Ardgour (Linnhe) Marine Pen Fish Farm, Sconser Quarry Marine Pen Fish Farm

Permit Reference: CAR/L/1009970, CAR/L/1157209

Subject: Assessment of Compliance with Permit Conditions

I am writing with reference to the assessment of compliance carried out for the Ardgour (Linnhe) and Sconser Quarry marine pen fish farm sites.

The following non-compliances with respect to the conditions of the permits were identified by the assessment. Non-compliances assessed as meeting draft major non-compliance criteria are highlighted (see Annex 1 for further detail):

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Site	Condition	Non-compliance	Major non-compliance
Ardgour CAR/L/1009970	7.2.2	The results of self-monitoring to assess compliance with the emamectin benzoate seabed standard following the last treatment on 22 August 2024 are now overdue. The results should have been submitted to SEPA by the 26 October 2025.	No
Sconser Quarry CAR/L/1157209	7.2.2	The results of self-monitoring to assess compliance with the emamectin benzoate seabed standard following the last treatment on 01 July 2024 are now overdue. The results should have been submitted to SEPA by the 15 October 2025.	No

What you should do now

You should consider the outcome of the assessment and within 28 days of the date of this letter, provide an explanation as to why the non-compliances have occurred and what steps will be implemented to ensure the non-compliances do not occur again. The results of the two surveys should be submitted to SEPA within 21 days of receipt of this letter.

Although SEPA continues to assess compliance with permit conditions, we have ceased to apply our Compliance Assessment Scheme (CAS). The last year for which site level compliance was provided under this scheme was 2019. SEPA is currently in the process of developing a replacement for CAS. It will be known as the Environmental Performance Assessment Scheme. Summary information is provided in Annex 1 and further information, including FAQs, are available on our website

<https://www.sepa.org.uk/regulations/authorisations-and-permits/performance-assessment-scheme/>

If you require any further information regarding the content of this letter or wish to discuss its content, please do not hesitate to contact myself on Redacted or Redacted@sepa.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

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Enc: Appendix 1: Environmental Performance Assessment Scheme

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How does this affect you now?

Since April 2023 SEPA has been using draft [major non compliance.docx](#) criteria to assess compliance. Major non-compliance represents what we consider to be the more significant type of non-compliance. These criteria will be cease being used in draft status from later this year.

Both the finalised [major non-compliance criteria](#) and our new [environmental events framework](#) will start to apply later this year. This is to give regulated business the opportunity to gain experience of these before EPAS starts. Operators should look at this information now.

- [Environmental Performance Assessment Scheme \(EPAS\) - a fair way to report performance - Annex 3: Major non-compliance criteria - Scottish Environment Protection Agency - Citizen Space](#)
- [Environmental Performance Assessment Scheme \(EPAS\) - a fair way to report performance - Annex 4: Environmental events - Scottish Environment Protection Agency - Citizen Space](#)

How will you communicate with me during the year?

We will endeavour to communicate the outcome of any compliance verification work swiftly. The outcome will be categorised in the following way: compliant, non-compliant or major non-compliant. This is not the Environmental Performance Assessment Scheme outcome. This will not be introduced until after the consultation.

The exception to this is remote assessments we undertake e.g. review of reports, data returns or discharge sampling to assess water quality. In general, we will only communicate the outcome of this type of compliance verification work where our assessment highlights non-compliance.

In cases where we attend your site, we aim to communicate non-compliances verbally on the day of the inspection and will follow-up in writing within 7 days. In cases where we remotely assess data the non-compliance will commence from the date that information was submitted to us and will end on the date you provide suitable evidence that compliance has been recovered.

What should I do now?

- Continue to take all necessary steps to comply with your environmental obligations
- If non-compliance is identified, then take all steps necessary to recover compliance as quickly as possible.

Further information, including FAQs, can be found on SEPA's website

<https://www.sepa.org.uk/regulations/authorisations-and-permits/performance-assessment-scheme/>