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Dear Mr Rees

LOCAL AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT: 2010 AIR QUALITY PROGRESS REPORT

Thank you for consulting the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on NW Leicestershire DC's air quality Progress Report. Please find comments on the report attached. We will send our comments on the Action Plan element of the report separately.

On the basis of the information provided, the report is accepted. We look forward to receiving the council's progress report in 2011. Our records indicate that the council has not yet completed the detailed assessment recommended in the 2009 USA, to investigate the likelihood of the SO₂ exceedences from domestic solid-fuel burning in a number of areas. The council should reply with a submission date for the DA report and when a copy of the M1 AQMA order covering the inclusion of the hourly NO₂ objective will be submitted.

Finally high concentrations of the PM₁₀ were measured at Ravenstone primary school. We recommend that the council carry out further monitoring to establish whether or not the objective is being exceeded in the area. We look forward to hearing from you very soon on the above issue and to receiving your progress report in 2011.

If you have any specific queries about the comments contained in the appraisal report, we would advise that you initially contact the help desk. Details on how to contact the help desk can be found in the appraisal report.

Yours sincerely

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ATMOSPHERE AND LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

