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Dear Mr Rees

LOCAL AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT: 2009 UPDATING AND SCREENING ASSESSMENT

Thank you for consulting the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on NW Leicestershire DC's air quality Updating and Screening Assessment. Please find comments on the report attached.

The report has concluded that there is a requirement to undertake a Detailed Assessment (DA) for the sulphur dioxide objective from domestic solid-fuel burning. The report has also recommended an amendment to the Mole Hill AQMA to cover the hourly nitrogen dioxide objective. On the basis of the information provided the conclusions of the report are accepted. We look forward to receiving the Council's 2010 Detailed Assessment Report and Progress Report.

We also look forward to a copy of the amended AQMA order when it is available.

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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