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Dear Mr Williams,

Thank you for your recent responses to our group.

From your statement in the Bentham News, we have the following questions.

1. Out of all the foam products manufactured at the site, how many had PFAs in?

1a. What was the duration these foams were manufactured? (ie start date of manufacture and when they were last manufactured)?

1b. Were PFAs limited to your foam products? If not what other products Angus Fire Manufactured contained PFAs

2. You mention in the statement your firm complied with U.K. Law and with directions from the Environment Agency,

2a. If you were compliant with U.K. Law why did the company need directions from the Environment Agency?

2b. If the foams were manufactured and the waste managed in line with the law and the EA's guidance, why is it that Angus Fire is said to have breached its PFA license 20 times in ten years and has had the threat of 'suspension by the EA in October 2023'?

3. "We have instructed Ramboll UK Ltd to survey the site and outside areas of Angus".

3a. On Saturday 29th June there was a new building erected over the lagoons, If the site survey was done this month (June 2024), how has the structure been put in so fast? surely this required, planning, planning permission (from NYCC) and a safety assessment for the contractors to have been done already?

3c.

In putting up the structure how did Angus ensure that no further contamination was released into the atmosphere? what has happened to any contaminated soil?

3d. Why has this assessment not been done and reported to the Environment Agency already, if your Firm was being investigated and under threat of suspension in October 2023?

3e. Surely wouldn't your results be the same as the results that have been revealed already in tests by the environment agency?

4. "Our on-site borehole is capped off"

4a. Can you provide a date please when this was done?

5. "Our wastewater lagoons are managed to ensure no off-site release of PFAs"

5a. If this is the case why has there been criticism by the EA about the linings in the lagoons and why have they had to be done a second time?

5b. How was this managed without allowing more seepage into the soil? (it is presumed that the wastewater was not removed, the lagoons lined and the water replaced).

5c. How does Angus Manage flooding of the lagoons and the surrounding area regarding the new containment building? For example, if the land around the new building is contaminated rainwater will roll off the sloping roof. We already know this area floods and the ground is contaminated.

5d. If Angus has a "closed drainage system" per one of the Ends Reports, why does Angus have a license to release into the sewerage system with United Utilities?

Please provide a copy of this license.

5e. If Angus Fire has a closed drainage system, how does it remove wastewater from the closed system? Are the toilets in Angus Fires Buildings connected to the 'open' sewer system?

In your letter dated 27th June 2024 to Bentham Town Council, we would like you to clarify a few things for the group.

1. You say that since 2022 you have not tested any foams containing PFAS, are the foams that were tested C6 string foams? (Carbon 6 string foams), can you advise what the half-life of these C6 strings is? Will the lab within Angus no longer be testing their formulas on site?

2. Your letter says that the Angus Fire Borehole (that was tested) has never been used for drinking water, firstly it is confusing as to why this needs to be clarified, can you confirm the depth of the Borehole in question and that it is connected to the Mill Grit Aquifer?

3. Angus Fire (Armour) has three registered Boreholes, presumably one is the one spoken about in your letter, can you confirm the depth of the other two, whether they are still in use and if not, when they were capped off?

4. You say you no longer test foams at the Bentham Site, can you tell us where these foams are now tested?

5. Can we see the results of annual asbestos reports (and any interpretation that goes with it) from the last ten years?

6. Would Angus be willing to provide a copy of the PFAS permit the company holds.

Thank you

The Cleaner Bentham Group