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Thanks Emma – your changes will be noted.

From: Taylor, Emma [mailto:emma.taylor@sepa.org.uk]
Sent: 18 February 2015 11:55
To: Whelan Christopher (Energy Development)
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Please can you I propose the following revision to the minute

Item 5: Please replace

SEPA process is aligned with EA for surface onshore activity but their initial assessment is that for sub-surface a SEPA permit would not be progressed as it was not a *stationary technical unit*.

SEPA's view regarding offshore sub surface activity was that a permit was not required. Therefore, Is there a robust regulatory environment in place?

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SEPA are currently reviewing their regulatory role. Initial assessments indicates that the onshore surface activities environmental permitting regime is similar to what is being proposed by the EA, taking on board devolved environmental permitting regimes. SEPA's initial assessment indicates that the sub surface onshore and offshore activities permitting regime may not be similar to that proposed by the EA, this is namely around the definition of Stationary Technical Unit, groundwater and waste.

Thank you
Emma

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To: UCG Working Group Members and Observers

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Please find attached a note of the meeting of the UCG Group held on Monday 2nd February – comments/amendments are invited.

Regards

Chris

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