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(Attn.: Mr. Lawrence LAU)

10 September 2015

Dear Mr. Lau,

Risks to the Vicinity of Tuen Mun Area 38 and Lung Kwu Tan

I refer to your letter of 31 August 2015 to the Environment Bureau inviting representatives to attend the 24th Tuen Mun District Council's meeting.

Referring to the discussion paper no. 38/2015 enclosed in your letter concerning the issues related to the Sludge Treatment Facility and the West New Territories Landfill, the reply of the Environmental Protection Department is provided as follows:-.

Sludge Treatment Facility

The operation of the sludge incinerator is fully automatic and is completed with various protection devices including the pressure relief valves and the sludge feeding cut-off mechanism to ensure the incinerator is operating safely at an appropriate temperature and pressure. Measuring instrument was also provided inside the incinerator to allow round-the-clock monitoring of the incineration process at the Central Control Room. On the other hands, all the dangerous chemicals for use in the Sludge Treatment Facility were stored inside the Fire Services Department licensed dangerous goods stores. Periodic inspections of their fire services installations were carried out in accordance with the licensing requirements to ensure proper functioning of the installations. Last but not least, an Operational Contingency Plan has been formulated by the operator of the Sludge Treatment Facility to identify the appropriate measures in handling emergency situations during the operation.

West New Territories Landfill

We have formulated comprehensive emergency response plans for landfill operation including landfill gas management and special waste handling, etc. These operational arrangement and plans aim to ensure the safe operation of the West New Territories Landfill. We will timely review the plans and assess the risks to ensure the nuisance of landfill operation to the nearby residents and the environment be minimised.

In view of official engagement, we are unable to send representatives for the 24th Tuen Mun District Council's meeting. For any enquiries, please contact the undersigned at 2872 1759.



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Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wong K. W.", written in a cursive style.

(Mr. Thomas K. W. WONG)
for Director of Environmental Protection