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CONTROL OF MAJOR ACCIDENT HAZARD REGULATIONS 1999 (COMAH)

Dear Sirs

RE: XYZ LTD OFF SITE EMERGENCY PLAN

1. Thank you for forwarding the off-site emergency plan for XYZ Ltd, Oldtown, to the Competent Authority (CA) for comment.
2. When consulted, the CA is required to examine the plan and check that:
 - The information required by COMAH Schedule 5 is present.
 - The plan accommodates the accident scenarios identified by the operator in the safety report/on site plan and
 - The links between the on-site and off-site plans are in place and transparent.
3. The CA comments on the plan are contained in the attached Appendix.
4. If you wish to discuss any of the above please do not hesitate to contact me at this address.

Yours sincerely

HM Inspector of Health and Safety

APPENDIX

REF	INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SCHEDULE 5	COMMENT
	The information to be included in an off-site emergency plan is as follows:	
1	Names or position of persons authorised to set emergency procedures in motion and of persons authorised to take charge of and co-ordinate off site action	
2	The plan accommodates the accident scenarios identified by the operator in the safety report/on-site plan	
3	The links between the on-site and off-site plans are in place and transparent	
4	Arrangements for receiving early warning of incidents, and alert and call out procedures	
5	Arrangements for co-ordinating resources necessary to implement the off-site emergency plan	
6	Arrangements for providing assistance with on-site mitigatory action	
7	Arrangements for off-site mitigatory action, including restoration and clean-up of the environment following a major accident	
8	Arrangements for providing the public with specific information relating to the accident and the behaviour which it should adopt	
9	Arrangements for the provision of information to the emergency services of other Member States in the event of a major accident with possible transboundary consequences.	
10	Other comments:	
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