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William Thompson  
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**SUBJECT:** Review of Remedial Action Plan; Stage 1 Coal Tar Recovery Project - Aberdeen  
Manufactured Gas Site. Department of Environment and Natural Resources File  
Number 89.009.

Dear Mr. Thompson:

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources has reviewed the *Remedial Action Plan-Stage 1 Coal Tar Recovery Project* prepared by Arcadis, dated June 2011, for the above referenced site. Based on the information provided in this report and previously provided data, it appears that the actions and procedures outlined in this plan are appropriate and acceptable. The department agrees that a staged approach to the recovery of free product is appropriate to evaluate the effectiveness of the recovery system. Furthermore, the department agrees that the specific procedures outlined in the Remedial Action Plan appear to be appropriate and fitting with the department's requirements for this site.

The department appreciates your continued cooperation to address the contamination left remaining from the former manufactured gas plant operation. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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