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Sent: 22 February 2018 11:28
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: EOWDC - Proposed Geotechnical and Geophysical Survey_Offshore Export Cable Route - Request for NOE to be submitted ASAP

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 22 February 2018 07:53
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Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: EOWDC - UXO - 06357/17/1 - Condition 3.2.3.1 - Request for SEPA Contact Name & Details
Attachments: RE: European Offshore Wind Deployment Centre_Debris and Waste Material

Hi [Redacted]

I have been in contact with [Redacted] See the email correspondence attached. I have also been speaking with [Redacted] over the phone and as soon as we know where the waste will be disposed of we will let both SEPA and MS know. The latest update that we got yesterday is that the waste has not been disposed of as yet.

Please let me know if you have any further queries.

Regards,
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 3:53 PM
To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: EOWDC - UXO - 06357/17/1 - Condition 3.2.3.1 - Request for SEPA Contact Name & Details

Hi [Redacted]

EOWDC - UXO - 06357/17/1 - Condition 3.2.3.1 – Waste Disposal – Non Compliance Letter (29/01/2018)

Could you please provide details of your contact within SEPA with whom you have been corresponding with in relation to the above issue? Many thanks in advance.

Kind regards

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Marine Scotland Licensing Operations Team

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 05 February 2018 16:27
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: European Offshore Wind Deployment Centre_Debris and Waste Material

Hi

Before I send your query on to our Regulatory Services team, please can you confirm where the waste went to after the vessel skip was full? i.e. where did the waste get disposed of eventually?

Kind regards
[Redacted]

[Redacted]
[Redacted]

Planning Service, SEPA, Inverdee House, Baxter Street, Torry, Aberdeen AB11 9QA
[Redacted] planning.aberdeen@sepa.org.uk
Please note I work part-time Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 05 February 2018 14:11
To: [Redacted]
Subject: European Offshore Wind Deployment Centre_Debris and Waste Material

Dear [Redacted]

Aberdeen Offshore Wind Farm Limited (AOWFL) is currently constructing the European Offshore Wind Deployment Centre (EOWDC), off the coast of Aberdeen Bay.

As part of the pre-construction works AOWFL attained a Marine Licence for the clearance and removal of potential Unexploded Ordnance Objects (UXOs) at the EOWDC (reference 06357_18_0). One of the condition within this licences contains the following wording:

3.2.3.1 Environmental Protection

The Licensee must ensure that any debris or waste material placed below MHWS during the Works are removed from the Site, as soon as is reasonably practicable, for disposal at a location above the MHWS approved by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency ("SEPA")....

During the UXO works in January 2018, 30 kg of metal debris were recovered from the seabed. Following the vessel procedure, the debris were retained in the vessel skip to be disposed of once the skip was full following MARPOL regulations.

AOWFL received a letter from Marine Scotland dated 29th January 2018 stating that as the recovered debris were not disposed of at a location above the MHWS approved by the SEPA, the actions comprised a non-compliance with the Marine Licence. Attached you can find the letter for information.

AOWFL is seeking advice from SEPA on the applicability of this licence condition to the actions as described above. It is our understanding that in order for waste material to be subject to Waste Management Licensing controls regulated by SEPA, and therefore requiring disposal at a SEPA approved facility, it would first have to be placed above MLWS in Scotland. As this did not occur then disposal of material elsewhere should not constitute a non-compliance with the Marine Licence.

It would be appreciated if SEPA could come back to us on this query and if any further information is required please do not hesitate to contact me.

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From: [Redacted]
[Redacted]
Sent: 23 February 2018 10:08
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: EOWDC - Cardinal Buoy Redeployment & Removal of Floating LiDAR

Hi [Redacted]

The removal of the floating LiDAR is now scheduled to take place between the 10th and 30th March. Apologies for not being able to be more specific at this stage. We will keep you up to date.

Regarding the South cardinal buoy, I am waiting for an update and hope to be able to come back to you on this later on today.

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Hi [Redacted]

Do you have a clearer idea of when the cardinal buoy will be redeployed and when the floating LiDAR device will be removed?

Many thanks

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Attachments: Notice of Intention to Carry Out an Exempted Activity.pdf

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CARRY OUT AN EXEMPTED ACTIVITY

Person or company carrying out the activity:

Gardline on behalf of Boskalis (Aberdeen Offshore Wind Farm Limited)

Contact address:

Third Floor, The Tun Building; 4 Jackson's Entry; HolyRood Road; Edinburgh; EH8 8AE

Contact telephone:

[Redacted]

Contact email:

[Redacted]

Commencement date and expected completion date of activity:

Commencement earliest: week 9, 26th February 2018

Expected end date: Week 13, 30th March 2018

Location of activity (please provide latitude and longitude co-ordinates of the boundary points of the project and mark on a map):

Nearshore export cable routes for the Aberdeen Offshore Wind Farm. Between the beach and a large sandbar approximately 600m from the low water line.

Contained within the boundaries: 57.215,-2.055; 57.212,-2.050; 57.211,-2.051; 57.214,-2.055

Description of activity (for benthic surveys or sediment removal, give an estimate of the number of grabs/cores/trial pits to be undertaken and for deployment of equipment, include the period of time it will be in place, its purpose, and expected position e.g. sea bed or water column):

The purpose of these works is to gain geotechnical information on the seabed for use in installation the Aberdeen Offshore Wind Farm export cables.

Works will be carried out by a specialised shallow draft vessel:

- Cone penetration tests on the seabed: No sediment removal. Expect 40 tests within the area going no deeper than 3m into the seabed.
- Vibrocore, and possibly rockdrill, samples taken from the seabed: Small amounts of sediment removal, less than 1 cubic meter total from all tests. Expect 20 tests within the area going no deeper than 3m into the seabed.

The sandbar roughly 700m from the beach heavily restricts vessels entry into the area and only specialised shallow hull vessels can enter during the high tide. This in combination with the shallow water indicates that this activity will not cause danger or give obstruction to navigation. The area is within the Consented Export Cable Laying Area.

I declare that the following conditions relative to the activity/activities to be undertaken are met:

Sediment Sampling

- the volume of sediment removed will be less than 1 cubic metre (per grab);
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- the site is not in the locality of a designated bathing water site (if so all physical works should be done out with the Bathing Water Season (1st June to 15th September));
- a Notice to Mariners will be issued and a notice placed in the Kingfisher Fortnightly Bulletin which clearly states the nature and duration of the works.

Scientific Instrument Deployment

- the activity is not likely to cause a danger or obstruction to navigation (note: if a marker buoy is used, a Marine Licence will usually be required);
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- If a scientific instrument is to be in situ for longer than six months the UK Hydrographic Office will be notified;
- all scientific instruments/ associated equipment will be removed on conclusion of the survey.

I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information given in this form and related papers is true.

Signature [Redacted]

Name in BLOCK LETTERS [Redacted]

Date 23/02/2018

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Dh'fhaodadh gum bi teachdaireachd sam bith bho Rìaghaltais na h-Alba air a chlàradh neo air a sgrùdadh airson dearbhadh gu bheil an siostam ag obair gu h-èifeachdach neo airson adhbhar laghail eile. Dh'fhaodadh nach eil beachdan anns a' phost-d seo co-ionann ri beachdan Rìaghaltais na h-Alba.
