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An exception under regulation 10(5)(d) (Confidentiality of Proceedings) of the EIRs applies to some of the information you have requested. The emergency authorisation process is conducted by HSE on behalf of the Scottish Government. The emergency authorisation for 2023 has not yet been communicated to the applicant therefore this information cannot be disclosed.

This exception is subject to the 'public interest test'. Therefore, taking account of all the circumstances of this case, we have considered if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exception. We have found that, on balance, the public interest lies in favour of upholding the exception. We recognise that there is some public interest in release of this information, however, this is outweighed by the public interest due to the nature of the information held within these documents containing information indicating proceedings currently not yet complete.

Yours sincerely

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