Dear Ms Lawlor,

We are writing concerning your request for access to Commission documents registered via the AsktheEU website on 16 May 2024 (case number 2024/2527).

Your request is formulated as a request for information rather than as a request for documents and cannot be handled under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 which applies only to existing documents. Therefore, we have closed this case.

In compliance with the Code of Good Administration Behaviour, it is my pleasure to share with you the following information regarding an electronic list of establishments located in Europe that fall within the scope of Directive 2012/18/EU (the Seveso-III directive). This can help you in finding the subject of your request, i.e. the Seveso establishments consisting in Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), including their location, rated power capacity, energy capacity and storage duration.

Information on companies falling in the scope of that directive is available on the Minerva portal of the Major Accident Hazards Bureau (MAHB) of the European Commission’s Joint Research Centre (JRC). This portal provides a collection of technical information and tools supporting the major accident hazards policy. This portal also hosts the eSPIRS (electronic Seveso Plants Information Retrieval System) database containing the establishments covered by the Seveso-III Directive. The eSPIRS database can be accessed by clicking the eSPIRS button on the website or via the direct link https://espirs.jrc.ec.europa.eu/en/espirs/content.

Before you can access the database, you are required to obtain authentication from the European Commission Authentication Service (ECAS). You will find the ECAS registration link on the eSPIRS website, or you can also access it directly via: https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/cas/eim/external/register.cgi

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Should you have any further questions on the above, please contact us via the following functional e-mail address (xxxxxxxxxx@xx.xxxxxx.xx).

Kind regards,

ENV SEVESO TEAM