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Dear Mr/Ms Hyland

**Subject: Access to documents request GestDem 2017/350 requesting access to information on Crumlin waste site.**

Thank you for your e-mail of 20 January 2017 which was registered on 23 January 2017 under reference number GestDem 2017/350 for access to documents under Regulation No. 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents<sup>1</sup> ("Regulation No. 1049/2001").

In your e-mail you ask for any asbestos field test results from soil or water samples made available by United Kingdom, directly by EU or other source regarding the site at 18 Crosshill Road, Crumlin, Co Antrim since 2008 and for any communications with the EU regarding this site. From our investigations it would appear that the Commission investigated this matter following a request from the European Parliament in petition no 137/2005 and followed this up in its own investigations under file number 2006/2239 which was subsequently closed in 2008.

It is not clear from your e-mail whether you are only interested in information on the site since 2008, so let me set out to you what information we have on file and then you can let me know if any of these are of interest. All the documentation of substance dates from before 2008.

Regarding specific information on field test results the last communication on the file dates from 18 April 2008. This encloses a "statement of intent" regarding the Crosshill site dated July 1999. There is then a letter from the UK authorities dated 30 October 2007 enclosing site data for the years 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 2005, 2006 and 2007. There is no sampling data on the file which dates from 2008 or later.

There is then an exchange of correspondence on the file:

- e-mail from UK authorities of 18 January 2007
- Letter from UK authorities of 11 December 2006

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L145, 31.05.2001, page 43.

- Letter from Commission to UK authorities of 20 December 2006 enclosing minutes of meeting from 27 October 2006.
- Letter from UK of 9 February 2006 replying to initial letter of enquiry from Commission dated 20 December 2005.

As explained above, there is only one document on the file which was sent to the Commission in 2008 which is the July 1999 statement of intent report for the site. The file was closed on 26 June 2008.

Yours sincerely,

*(E-signed)*

Paul Speight