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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your respective letters of 24<sup>th</sup> April and 21<sup>st</sup> June 2012 on behalf of a number of NGOs regarding the implementation of the Fuel Quality and Renewable Energy Directives. On behalf of the Commission, we would like to thank you for your ongoing interest and contributions on these topics.

With regards to biofuels, the Commission has conducted an impact assessment focusing on the evaluation of a number of policy options for minimising the indirect land use change impacts associated with their production, including the assessment of the effectiveness of introducing indirect land use change emission factors into their greenhouse gas emissions methodology under the Renewable Energy and Fuel Quality Directives.

Following a recent College orientation debate on this topic<sup>1</sup>, the Commission is now finalising a legislative proposal for amending the abovementioned Directives, which is to be adopted soon together with the accompanying impact assessment. After its adoption, the Commission will submit the proposal to the European Parliament and the Council, following the co-decision procedure.

With regards to the implementation of the Fuel Quality Directive, the Commission is also conducting an impact assessment focusing on the options for meeting the greenhouse gas emissions reduction obligations laid down in Article 7a of such Directive and the associated compliance and administrative costs before a legislative proposal is presented to the European Council. Further information on the scope of the Impact Assessment is available on the Commission's website<sup>2</sup>.

Yours sincerely

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<sup>1</sup> Minutes available at <http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regdoc/rep/10061/2012/EN/10061-2012-2000-EN-F-0.Pdf>

<sup>2</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/governance/impact/planned\\_ia/docs/2012\\_clima\\_009\\_ghg\\_emissions\\_fossil\\_fuel\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/governance/impact/planned_ia/docs/2012_clima_009_ghg_emissions_fossil_fuel_en.pdf)