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Dear Shelley,

I refer to our recent meeting between yourself and officers of the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) regarding the storage of additional waste oil at Local Government (Council) operated landfills and transfer stations. I apologise for the delay in response.

I understand that these landfills and transfer stations are experiencing a higher than normal volume of waste oil and that the storage of this is a temporary solution to the surplus waste oil issue at large.

The Department is aware of this issue and is currently working with industry and other government agencies to actively find a solution although it is still in the developmental stages. As this is the case, the Department acknowledges the position Councils are placed in and your concern regarding the repercussion for storing additional waste oil on the licences of Council operated landfills and transfer stations.

With regards to the licences for these facilities no amendments are necessary should the storage of waste oil be less than 10 000L per annum and for a period of less than 12 months. However, this is provided that the waste oil is stored in accordance with the Department of Water: Water Quality Protection Guidelines No. 10 – '*Mining and Mineral Processing: Above-ground fuel and chemical storage, 2000*' namely Parts 6.1 – 6.3 and 6.6. This is available on the Department of Water website www.water.wa.gov.au (under 'Water quality', then 'Publications' and finally under 'Water Quality Protection Guidelines'). I have also attached a copy for your perusal.

The Department will review this advice in 12 months time and will advise accordingly. In the interim, should you or local authorities have any general queries relating to the above or in regards to a particular landfill or transfer station please do not hesitate to contact the nearest DEC regional office (list attached) to discuss further.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Paul Byrnes'.

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