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Eich cyf/Your ref P-05-753
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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter and enclosure of 28 February, regarding Petition P-05-753 on strengthening the legislative and regulatory framework surrounding waste wood processing facilities.

The proposed changes to the Environmental Permitting Regulations referred to in the interim Chief Executive of Natural Resources Wales's (NRW) letter, are currently subject to a joint Welsh Government and DEFRA public consultation which was launched on 15 January. I would encourage interested parties to respond by 26 March when the consultation closes. Details of the consultation can be found at:

<https://beta.gov.wales/reducing-crime-sites-handling-waste-and-introducing-fixed-penalties-waste-duty-care>

I note the response NRW has made to the Committee's request for details of the processes they undertake when operators breach their licence conditions.

Yours Sincerely,

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