

PE1522/J

Petitioner Email of 16 February 2016

Thank you for giving me the opportunity of contributing to this petition.

I'll start by reminding you that my public involvement with this issue started in February 2006 with petition 936. This lasted 4 years and achieved nothing whatsoever which was very disappointing.

This latest petition, 1522, does appear to have some momentum behind it, due to the fact that SEPA are backing it. What took them so long? The sub-COMAH fuel storage and "onward distribution" industry, in Scotland, has depended on this "Onward Distribution" clause to evade what is standard practice in the bulk fuel storage industry. Namely leak-proof and fireproof impermeable secondary containment (bundling). The Scottish Public deserve this clear anomaly in standards to be removed.

The length of time its taking for the lessons of the explosion and fire at Buncefield in December 2005 to percolate through to the smaller, remote end of the bulk fuel storage and "onward distribution" industry is an inexcusable legislative error. I cannot believe that there could possibly be any further justification for delaying implementing standards which are regarded as the norm by the rest of this industry.

Yours sincerely,

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