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Hi Róisín,

I'd like to make a submission on your PSF document, as discussed previously.

My submission relates to onshore Shale gas exploration and extraction, which is an area that will need thorough consideration in the design of the Petroleum Safety Framework. It is unclear to me whether activities such as hydraulic fracturing have been considered in the design of the PSF.

In this regard it is vital that our organisations continue to work together as regulators. In particular with regard to coordination of statutory processes (Section 7.5), there may be benefits to be had from such an approach for shale gas activities.

For information on the EPA's role in shale gas activities please see the FAQ section at the following link (see the water section):

<http://www.epa.ie/environmentinfocus/faq/#d.en.30504>.

I look forward to continuing discussions on these matters.

Regards

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