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Dear Mr ~~Puccio~~ and Mr ~~McDonald~~

WAGERUP REFINERY DISTILLATE USE

Thank you for your letter of 20 May 2015 regarding your submission on distillate use at Alcoa's Wagerup Refinery.

I confirm that the issue of increasing annual operating hours for this product was not referred to the Department of Health (DOH) by the Department of Environment Regulation (DER) for advice. There is no legal requirement for this to occur, with the DER referring any issue to the DOH for advice/information where it is believed some level of adverse health impact could occur.

I am therefore not in a position to update your group on this matter and respectfully refer you to the DER for further information on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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