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The Rt Hon Nicholas Ridley MP Secretary of State for the Environment 2 Marsham Street London SW1P 3EB

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UNIFIED POLLUTION INSPECTORATE

al-Hap Part Thank you for letting me see a copy of your letter of 29 July to David Young, with which you enclosed a draft of the announcement to be made shortly of the setting up of the new Pollution Inspectorate.

I was entirely content with the terms of the announcement. There is however a point which I think worth putting on record.

As you know, under an agency agreement between the Health and Safety Commission and myself, HM Industrial Pollution Inspectorate control air pollution in Scotland on behalf of the Commission. It would be most helpful if your officials were to keep mine informed, throughout the period when the new Inspectorate is being formed, of the arrangements which it is proposed to make to continue or develop the present agreement. I should indeed be grateful if your officials could keep the Scottish Office generally abreast of developments, in case any points arise which could usefully be considered in relation to our own system.

I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

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