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Dear Ms Turton,

Members of the NWIFCA have requested that your council is contacted in regard to Shale Gas developments within the Lancashire County Council boundaries. In particular members had the following queries in regard to the extent of horizontal drilling during operation:

1. What is the maximum distance that developers will be able to drill horizontally?
2. Is it possible with this maximum distance that horizontal drilling will occur in rock under the coastal or marine environment?
3. Do companies have to specify this information in their application and are any limits set in the granting of planning permissions?

The Authority also request that they are informed of any planning applications received that indicate the radius of the drilling activity and/or when drilling will occur under the coastal or marine environment.

I look forward to passing on your response to the Authority members.

Yours sincerely,

Abigail Leadbeater
Science Officer