

Detailed guide: Laboratory testing requirements for animal by-products (ABPs)

Find out how to take samples from processed ABPs and find laboratories to test them, and what to do if one of your samples fails a test.

Guidance: European Structural and Investment Funds: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response

A series of documents and updates regarding the 2014 to 2020 European Structural and Investment Funds Programme and the response to COVID-19.

MOSSMORRAN UPDATE : 14:30 Tuesday 6 October 2020

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Having received reports of elevated flaring at the ExxonMobil Chemical Fife Ethylene Plant shortly after 3:30am on Sunday, SEPA officers remained in contact with the site throughout the period. Specialist scientific and enforcement officers also continued to deploy to record community impacts and gather information, data and evidence.

SEPA’s four remote monitoring points around the site, at Lochgelly, Auchtertool, Donibristle and Little Raith continue to capture data. Monitors continue to demonstrate no breach of air quality standards.

As always SEPA has been in contact with partners in Fife Council and NHS Fife.

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“Whilst we await a full, detailed report from the operator on the cause of the latest flaring incident, the operator has indicated a compressor fault. The evidence we are gathering will enable us to determine whether there has been a breach of the site’s permit conditions and what our next steps should be in line with our published Enforcement Policy.

“We are clear on our expectations of ExxonMobil Chemical Limited, including requiring the installation of noise reducing flare tips followed by the installation of ground flares. What we need now is for ExxonMobil to step up and recognise the depth of community anger and make real progress in making flaring the exception rather than the routine – and we will employ all available measures to ensure they do so.

“Updates will be available on social media and sepa.org.uk/mossmorran and we urge the public to report community impacts at [SEPA.org.uk/report](https://sepa.org.uk/report).”

[Press release: Green social prescribing pilots open for applications](#)

Applications open to deliver four ‘green social prescribing’ pilots as part of a £4.27 million project to improve mental health and wellbeing in communities hardest hit by coronavirus.

[Open consultation: Aarhus convention national implementation report 2021](#)

Seeking comments on the draft text of the Aarhus convention national

implementation report.