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When replying please reply to: Edinburgh

Terry A'Hearn - SEPA Chief Executive
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Dear Terry A'Hearn,

Re. VW Environmental Standards

Over the past few months myself and other MEPs have become increasingly concerned by the on-going revelations concerning VW Group's breach of environmental regulations. We have commenced a Parliamentary inquiry into this with the view to understanding how regulations were violated over such a sustained period.

It seems to me that a case could be made that one of the reasons air quality standards have not improved across Europe is that cars have been polluting more than regulations permit. Indeed, this has been suggested in the past by EU Commissioners (I have included a letter from Commissioner Janez Potocnik which illustrates this). I have also included an internal brief that has been produced in my office on the latest events in the EU for your information which I hope is of help.

I wondered whether SEPA had any plans to pursue this further? I would be grateful for a note from your officials outlining your plans to address this. Furthermore I would greatly like to arrange a meeting with yourself to discuss this issue further.

Yours sincerely,

Alyn Smith MEP