

Subject:Your Letter dated 25 Sept 2015 - Ref: EPA/UGEE/QUB/1

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Dear Mr White

I refer to your communication dated 25 Sept 2015 received instant, and marked for the attention of Ms Laura Burke (notified to her office as per your request). This email is an official EPA reply to your communication.

A number of the statements in your letter were presented as information points or opinion and do not beg a response, or have already been addressed in previous responses or the information is available on our web pages. As to the identified questions I advise as follows. **The EPA was informed of the modifications to the Consortia on 13-10-2014 at a monthly research project update meeting.** Our tender permits such modification subject to acceptance. The modification of sub-component experts does not invalidate the tender process, and is not an abnormal aspect of large tender/consortia activities requiring a particular announcement. The research project steering committee are satisfied that the requisite skills have been provided in the replacements. Our website hosted information has been updated to reflect the changes. We are not aware of any 'on-the-ground' research carried out by QUB in Fermanagh in relation to this research project. QUB did have some involvement in the research project that resulted in payment flowing to them. On completion of the research all section authors and reviewers will be published as part of the project results. No conflict of interest has been declared to the research steering committee.

Yours sincerely

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