



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

Martin Kennedy  
President  
National Farmers Union Scotland

**4 December 2024**

Dear Martin,

### **Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025**

On 3 December, the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee discussed the above regulations and agreed to gather more information from the Scottish Government and various stakeholders before considering the instrument at a future meeting.

The Committee notes your detailed comments on regulating sewage sludge in your consultation response on this issue. Do you have any further comments on the final Regulations?

Given the limited timeframe in which the Committee has to consider the regulations, we would appreciate a response by **Monday 30 December 2024**.

I apologise for this short deadline, which is necessitated by the nature of the parliamentary process for scrutiny of subordinate legislation which allows only 40 days for the Committee to consider. The Committee has requested that the Scottish Government withdraw the regulations and re-lay them early in the New Year to allow the Committee more time for scrutiny. If the Scottish Government agrees to this request, we can revisit this deadline to allow you more time to respond.

Yours sincerely,

**Edward Mountain MSP**  
Convener

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