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Sent: 10 April 2012 10:45
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
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Subject: Defra-Met-GOE meeting on Air quality forecasting for Olympics

Dear all

Thank you for attending this meeting last week. I thought it was very helpful and constructive. I have provided below a summary of the main actions arising from the meeting. Please let me know if you have any comments or if there is anything to add. Could Dee please forward this to Derrick as I do not have his email details.

Main Action Points from the meeting

1. The Met Office would continue as now with the practice of handling enquiries about weather and air quality advice (eg in relation to their forecasts and what the weather was expected to do and how this might affect pollution). If a significant pollution event occurred during the Games Defra would lead on dealing with media enquiries about this in particular in relation to any policy response or scientific questions on the nature of the event (eg Ozone or PM10 related etc). Defra/AEA will provide details of possible scenarios to consider and will circulate.
2. Defra and Met Office would keep in contact and share general media handling lines for the Games. [REDACTED] would discuss comms lines with the Defra Press Office and arrange a further communications meeting to bring in Press Office in May.
3. [REDACTED] with AEA would prepare a summary overview of assumptions used in forecasting models and application of index etc. Following some dialogue about these Met Office and Defra would prepare lines to help clarify why differences may have occurred between forecasts.
4. Met Office agreed to speak to BBC regarding their air quality information and to encourage them to use the standard Daily Air Quality Index recommended by Defra.
5. I said I would speak to HPA regarding their next communications meeting. Since then I have learnt that [REDACTED] at HPA has met with [REDACTED] at the Met Office to discuss forecasting arrangements etc. Therefore [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] might wish to speak with [REDACTED] to get further details. [REDACTED] has in any case agreed that it would be sensible for someone from the Met Office to attend the next meeting (which will probably be the final meeting before the Games. [REDACTED] will be circulating dates shortly.

Regards

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