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Dear licence holder,

Review of licence holders' environmental arrangements

In our 2022 [guidance on environmental arrangements for railway licence holders](#) we provided guidance to assist you in fulfilling the environmental obligations of your licence and to contribute to the objective of environmental protection and improvement.

Our 2022 guidance reminded licensees of the licence (or SNRP) requirement, on creation and material modification of their environmental arrangements, to send promptly to ORR a current copy of their environment policy together with a summary of the operational objectives and management arrangements.

We also stated that we may conduct and publish the conclusions of a wider review of industry adherence to our guidance, with the aim of promoting good practice across the industry and improved environmental performance.

We are currently preparing to conduct this review. As part of the preparations we are requesting that you send us a copy of your environment policy, together with a summary of the operational objectives and management arrangements, **no later than 4 September 2023**.

Please send this information to environment@orr.gov.uk

To assist us in our review, we also ask you to provide the following details:

- Whether and where your environmental arrangements are published on your website (i.e. a link to where the environmental arrangements have been published)
- Whether there are any imminent or pending updates to your environmental arrangements – if so, please provide details and confirm that you will send updated arrangements in due course (and, if possible, when)



- A relevant, current contact or shared mailbox for any correspondence relating to our planned review

As stated in our guidance, we may report on the number of environmental arrangements we receive and may publish the conclusions of our review. This may include publishing details of where we have requested environmental arrangements but they were not provided.

If you would like to discuss anything in this letter further, please contact ORR via environment@orr.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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