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Community Statement

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Dear Community Member,

Underlining our commitment to environmentally-responsible operations, we have now submitted our Best Available Techniques (BAT) report to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA).

This report sets out a programme of technological and process actions to further reduce the frequency of high-volume elevated flaring and its potential impact on local communities.

Following best practice guidance from independent consultants AECOM and RMP Acoustics, the proposals exceed specifications in UK legislation and include an enhanced elevated flare design, training improvements, and the introduction of new processes and technologies.

In addition, options will be evaluated to increase the capacity of, and access to, ground level flares that have the potential to minimise community impact.

We are now seeking a meeting with SEPA to review and agree the report, and the associated implementation plan and timescales. It is anticipated that a programme of improvements will be implemented over a five year period.

Jacob McAlister, plant manager of FEP, said: "While high-volume elevated flaring still remains a rare operational procedure, we absolutely understand the potential disruption it can have on local communities.

"We are taking the right and responsible steps to further minimise both the frequency and impact of events, and the Best Available Techniques report provides a clear pathway to achieve this.

"Working with SEPA, we will now bring this to reality."

Flaring is a safe and industry-recognised procedure that burns off by-products when the production process is interrupted. FEP is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the elevated flare, with that of ground flares being the responsibility of Shell FNGL.

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