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Dear Len,

Rail Industry Environmental Performance Indicators

Thank you for your letter of 4 December 2007 to Bill Emery on behalf of the Sustainable Development Steering Group and, through its members, the rail industry, about the environmental key performance indicators (KPIs) that the industry will report to ORR.

ORR welcomes this significant step by the rail industry in agreeing a number of indicators that will enable the industry to better understand how it can reduce its impact on the environment and so contribute further to a sustainable future.

We will now incorporate the KPIs contained in your letter as an annex to the revised 'Environmental Guidance' issued in association with Network Rail, train operator, station, and depot environmental licence obligations. This follows industry consultation on the revised Environmental Guidance in July 2007. We are aiming to publish the Guidance tomorrow.

We now look forward to working with the industry to develop these KPIs with a view to publishing the first two during 2008 and the remainder before the end of March 2010.

I am copying this letter to members of the Sustainable Development Steering Group and Rail Sustainable Development Group. A copy will also be placed on our website alongside your letter and a copy of our revised Environmental Guidance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Straight', is written over a large, stylized flourish that extends to the right.

Sarah Straight

