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Dear Madam/Sir

URGENT REQUEST FOR SUBMISSION OF REFIT PHASE 2 REPORTS FOR DECISION-MAKING

The Department of Environmental Affairs kindly requests environmental assessment practitioners and applicants to ensure that all reports for decision-making (i.e. Final basic assessment reports and Final environmental impact assessment reports) are submitted to its Directorate: Environmental Impact Evaluation on or before **05 December 2011**.

This request stems from the fact that the REFIT phase 2 process will commence in March 2012 and, as such, the Department would have had to finalise all applications intended for submission for the bidding process before then.

Furthermore, this request will enable the Department to meet the targets set by the Department of Energy and allow the Department sufficient time to review and decide on the reports submitted for decision-making.

Please note however that the quality of reports must not be compromised as the Department still requires that all reports submitted for decision-making must meet the requirements set out in the EIA Regulations.

Yours sincerely



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