



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL
ENVIRONMENT
Directorate F - Strategy
The Director

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Dear Petitioner,

Thank you for your e-mail of 17 February 2016 that asks for an update on the Commission's review of the Recommendation 2014/70/EU on minimum principles for the exploration and production of hydrocarbons (such as shale gas) using high volume hydraulic fracturing. Commissioner Vella asked me to reply to your enquiry.

The Commission is currently assessing to which extent the principles laid down in Recommendation 2014/70/EU were implemented and whether the current approach is appropriate and sufficient to provide clarity to permitting authorities, predictability and information to citizens, as well as business certainty.

The Commission services plan to finalise the review report before the summer break.

Please note that this reply will be uploaded on the Transparency Portal of the European Commission (http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/petitions-responses/index_en.htm).

Yours sincerely,

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