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To: Church, Sarah (Defra); Davies, Arwyn (Defra)

Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] on Field Trials

Dear Sarah, Arwyn,

I promised to try and keep you updated on progress on the neonic/bee field trials. To be honest, whilst we have a green light to proceed with the trials at a European level, we are having significant issues identifying potential farmers/sites to carry them out at short notice. Reasons?

- We are being massively restricted by limiting ourselves to Oxfordshire, Bucks and Berks – to avoid potential issues with the proposed derogation on Cruiser use this Autumn (Syngenta proposed excluding those three counties from treated-seed sales)
- Farmers/sites have to be 1 mile away from other flowering crops (that area includes a lot of field beans as well as OSR)
- If possible, the site should not have had seed-treatment use (for example Redigo Deter) on the previous cereal crop (wheat tends to precede OSR) to avoid residues in controls

It is fair to say that we have serious concerns as to whether we will be able to secure all of this in time to start the trials this year. I will continue to keep you in the loop although I am on vacation for a week starting tomorrow. For this reason I have copied in my colleague [REDACTED] – please do not hesitate to get in touch with him in my absence should you need to.

Best Regards

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From: Church, Sarah (Defra) [<mailto:sarah.church@DEFRA.GSI.GOV.UK>]

Sent: 27 June 2014 16:23

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Davies, Arwyn (Defra); [REDACTED] (Defra); [REDACTED] (Defra)

Subject: Good to meet you

[REDACTED],

Good to meet you earlier today for an introductory chat. Thank you for coming in and for sharing various bits of briefing. I found it both useful and enjoyable.

I thought it would be worth me writing down a couple of actions that we agreed.

- [REDACTED]
2. We asked for you to give us a heads up ahead of your planned field trials announcement so that we can make sure our press office have supportive lines lined up. Ideally 24 hours if possible – I understand it's not wholly in your gift.
- [REDACTED]

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