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Dear Jo,

The 2020/21 audit of the Scottish Environment Protection Agency

Thank you for providing evidence to the Committee at its meeting on [17 March 2022](#). During the evidence session the Committee briefly explored the back-up systems that SEPA now have in place following the cyber-attack. The Committee agreed to write to you to seek further information on SEPA's current back-up strategy.

During the evidence session, David Pirie confirmed that steps have been taken to ensure that data separation is physical in order to prevent the back-up data being attacked should there be a further cyber-attack. Mr Pirie also confirmed that SEPA has taken on board the recommendations that were made following the cyber-attack and have put in place off-line back-up arrangements that cover all data sets.

The Committee would welcome further information on the steps that have been taken to meet these recommendations along with an outline of the systems that have been put in place to ensure a physical separation of the back-up data.

I would be grateful if you could respond to this letter by **18 May 2022**.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Leonard MSP,
Convener