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### Subject: Geysir filming

BBC Scotland has received a request from Anna Lisa Björnsdóttir on behalf of BBC Scotland, for permission to film in the Geysir area for one half day during the period of 29th of June until the 1st of July. The BBC has also requested a permission to film an egg being boiled in a hot spring in the area.

Geysir is not listed as a protected area but the Environmental Agency has supervision of state owned land in the area, on behalf of the Environmental Ministry of Iceland.

### Description of the project:

The filming is for a children's program called *All over the place Europe* aimed at viewers aged 8-12 years old. The hosts of the show travel to places around Iceland and introduce them to their viewers, they also meet specialists on site and ask them questions regarding the nature of the area visited.

The filming takes place in the geothermal area surrounding the Great Geysir. The crew consists of 8 members who will be filming for the most part on paths. A permission to film an egg being boiled in a hot spring within the geothermal area is also requested.

The crew will meet up with EA's advisor Linda Guðmundsdóttir onsite for an interview.

### Evaluation

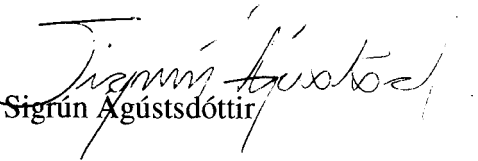
The Environmental Agency concludes that general filming in the area, as described above, will neither disturb fragile geological formation and fauna, nor cause significant disturbance to other guests in the area.


However the Agency is concerned about the filming as the act of boiling an egg might instigate uncautious behavior in the Geysir area or other geothermal sites in Iceland. The Environmental agency thus ***gives BBC Scotland permission on its behalf given that the following conditions be met:***

- The egg boiling scene will not be aired without a clear statement from the TV hosts that it should not be tried by its viewers without utmost caution. Furthermore, BBC Scotland commits itself to stress safety and precaution on geothermal sites in its sequence on Geysir

- Filming this specific scene should take place in a secluded area around Sísjóðandi hot spring. The filming area shall be marked as such while the filming takes place.
- The crew is advised to get assistance or guidance from people familiar with the procedure.
- The filming will be supervised by rangers working in the Geysir area.
- The BBC has to contact the land owner's association on this specific matter, as the land in question is co-owned by the state and privat owners. Permission from both parties is needed for the filming to take place.
- It is important that the staff of BBC Scotland show good conduct while visiting the geothermal site. Flora and landscape should not be disturbed in any way and paths should be followed.
- The crew should also be conscious of other guests of the area and make sure that filming causes as little disturbance as possible to other visitors.
- Off road driving is not permitted in Iceland and therefor all equipment must be carried from the parking area.
- The Environmental Agency will charge a fee of 11.200 Isk per hour for surveillance during the filming session.

Sincerely

  
Sigrún Agústsdóttir

  
Linda Guðmundsdóttir