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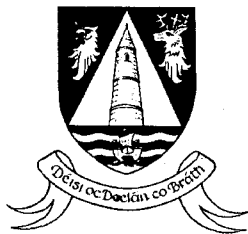
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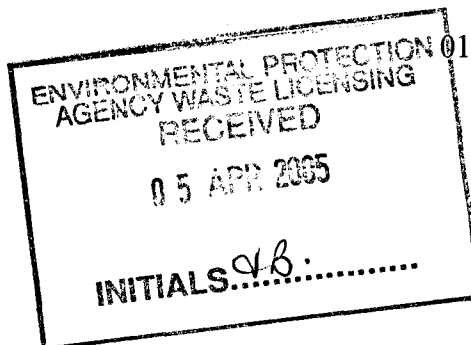
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01 April 2005

**Re: Ref: 75-2: Composting of Garden Waste in Tramore Landfill, Co. Waterford. Your letter of 21 March 2005 refers.**

Dear Sir,

Please be advised that composting at the Tramore Facility has been stopped with immediate effect and the garden waste collected at the Facility will be landfilled.

However, I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the actions of the Agency in regard to this activity.

The composting plant was developed on the understanding by Waterford County Council that the provisions of the Landfill Licence 75-1 for Tramore Landfill permitted the activity.

The Agency notified Waterford County Council in December 2003 that it considered any proposed activity a breach of conditions and Waterford County Council began preparing a licence review procedure.

Representatives from Waterford County Council met with representatives of the Agency on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2004 at which meeting it was stated by the Agency that, provided the compost produced at the composting plant was used within the landfill facility as cover or soil conditioner, no review of the licence was necessary.

On the basis of this assurance, Waterford County Council continued to invest in the Facility which has cost over €200,000 and is 75% funded by the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government.

On 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2004, the Agency notified Waterford County Council that a licence review was necessary for the composting plant. In May and August, 2004, Waterford

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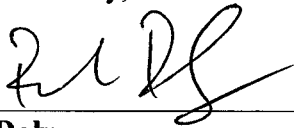
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Your letter of 21<sup>st</sup> March 2005 now refuses to consider our application until other matters relating to the landfill facility have been completed. This is despite the assurance of the County Council that these other matters would and are being addressed at great cost to us.

The composting plant in Tramore, along with a similar plant in the Dungarvan landfill facility divert over 600 tones of organic waste from landfill. The composting plants are state-of-the-art, government funded, popular with the public and add to the accepted perception within Co. Waterford that this is the leading local authority in the country in recycling and waste diversion. The action of the Agency will damage the good will built up between Waterford County Council and its customers and it will damage the Council's credibility in subsequent enforcement actions that we take to court.

It is a major disappointment that the Agency refuses to cooperate with Waterford's recycling efforts, and now adds further to the waste management crises in the south east.

Yours sincerely,



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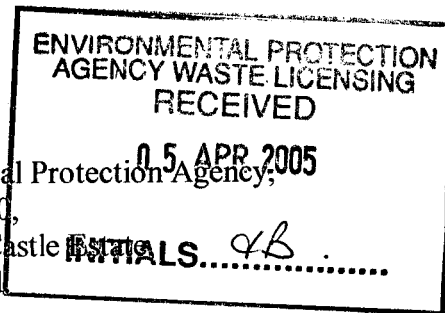


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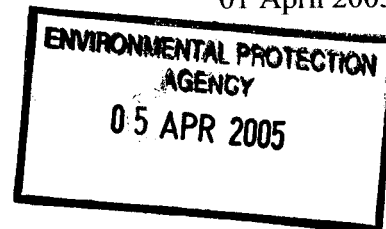
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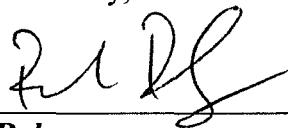
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