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**From:** Pat Dunphy [mailto:patrickdunphy@eircom.net]  
**Sent:** 31 December 2004 11:32  
**To:** Environmental Protection Agency  
**Subject:** RE: Application for Licence 212-1

A Chara,

My name is Cllr. Pat Dunphy, from Mooncoin in South Kilkenny. I am writing to you to inform you of concerns I have with the current application for a licence to compost organic waste and treat effluents at Killowen, Portlaw, Co Waterford. As a public representative for people in the Piltown/Mooncoin area I can tell you that people are very fearful of the consequences of providing such a centre in this area.

- People are afraid of the odour that will be generated because of this facility. In the past when another company operated in the area we had huge issues with odour all along the South Kilkenny area which can I add is one of the most densely populated rural areas in the country. The EPA were well aware of this problem and even though you were trying to deal with the issue the problem never went away. This then has given rise to a lack of confidence in the EPA and has the affect of people being very fearful. There are also other ongoing issues with odour in South Kilkenny that despite many complaints the problem continues.
- As a fisherman I dread to think what bi products may be left into the river following the treatment of effluents. This river is one of the most noted angling and snap net fishing rivers in the country. The snap net system has historical impacts as this river kept people alive for centuries when food was scarce. What impact will this process and discharge have on the people, the fish, the river itself. I am not technical enough to answer these questions however judging by the issues arising from slurry spreading etc it would appear that discharging into the river has consequences.
- Apparently 17 lorries of organic waste and effluents will be brought to this facility daily. Look at the impact this will have on roads and ultimately people. Is it right to carry this stuff for several miles through villages and towns.
- Is this facility necessary? We have got by well with current systems. We are only a country of 4 million people. We did have 9/10 million people years ago and organic waste was not a problem.

Can I ask you on behalf of the people I represent to pay very careful attention to this application. If there is an odour, river or road impact then this should not proceed.

Regards,  
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