



'St. Anthony's',
Carranstown,
Duleek,
Co. Meath.
28/06/'03.

Waste Licensing Division,
Environmental Protection Agency,
P.O.Box 6000,
Johnstown Castle Estate,
Wexford.

Re; Submission regarding the proposed Indaver Municipal Waste Management Facility at Carranstown, Duleek, Co. Meath.

Ref. 167-1.

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are opposed to a licence being granted to Indaver on the following grounds,

Municipal waste incinerators have been recognised as one of the major sources of dioxins and other environmental pollutants. Ireland has no facility for monitoring or measuring dioxins.

We have three young children and their health and safety are our greatest concern. The health risks associated with incinerators are well documented. Dioxins are the most dangerous carcinogens known to man. New research in the Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health, published by the British Medical Journal (29 may '03) makes disturbing reading for anyone living near an incinerator. The risk of Spina bifida rose by 17% and Heart defect risk rose by 12% for mothers living near incinerators.

The Health Research Board in their recent study published earlier this year, details the various ill-effects on human health when living near an incinerator. These include respiratory symptoms and illness, reproductive effects and the development of cancer. We already have a cement factory in the area which emits dust and other pollutants. There is already a veil of white dust and pollution covering this area. Cancer along the east coast is higher than the national average.

This is an agricultural area, milk and vegetables produced here could be contaminated by dioxins.

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The extra volume of traffic on the R152 will cause added pollution, more noise, and increased risk of accidents by large lorries coming and going to the site. What happens if there is an accident with a lorry carrying toxic ash from the site?

We would expect the Environmental Protection Agency to take into account the issues raised above and refuse to grant a licence to Indaver.

Yours truly,

Thomas Butterly

Rosemary Butterly

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