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23a, Forest Grange,
Ballymakenny Road,
Drogheda,
County Louth.
23rd April 2003.

Environmental Protection Agency,
P.O. Box 3000,
Johnstown Castle,
County Wexford.

Re: INDAVER IRELAND INCINERATOR PLANNING PROPOSAL

Planning Application File Number: **01/4014** Location of Development:
Carranstown,
Duleek,
County Meath.

A Chara,

With reference to the above planning proposal, I wish to make an appeal on the application made by Indaver Ireland for an IPC License.

I respectfully appeal to the Environmental Protection Agency not to grant Indaver Ireland an IPC License for the following reasons:

- Following its deliberations, the Health Research Board (HRB) found that emissions of dioxins and disposal of waste ash constitute health hazards, that acute and chronic respiratory symptoms are associated with incinerator emissions and that there are known associations between developing certain cancers and living close to incinerator sites.

However, the HRB also found that Ireland has deficient monitoring systems for health and environmental effects of waste i.e. insufficient base data is available and measuring systems are not continuous.

Therefore, with the best will in the world we cannot be properly protected from the potentially fatal ill effects of emissions from this proposed incinerator. Those potentially affected by this development include the populations of North Dublin, East Meath and most of County Louth with Drogheda, Ireland's largest provincial town, being at significant risk situated as it is immediately downwind of this proposed incinerator.

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- The HRB also found that incinerators can have effects on both surface and ground water.

The site of this proposed incinerator is, according to the Geological Survey of Ireland, contiguous with an area of extreme vulnerability.

There is a valuable local Aquifer Reserve at risk if this proposed incinerator goes ahead, with the potential to contaminate the water stream for domestic and aquatic use.

- The company seeking the waste management license to run this proposed incinerator, Indaver, have consistent problems with their Belgian plant.

They have stated that there will be no waste segregation prior to incineration at this proposed incinerator - so how can we be assured that this will be a non-hazardous waste incinerator?

Available monitoring systems are not continuous. Samples taken for monitoring must be sent away for analysis - a process which itself takes time. So again, with the best will in the world we cannot be properly protected from the potentially fatal ill effects of emissions from this proposed incinerator.

In recent days a proposal to locate an incinerator at Courtlough southwest of Balbriggan was turned down by An Bord Pleanála. Included among the reasons for the decision were that the location of the proposed development was zoned for agriculture and that the proposed development would be visually intrusive in the rural landscape.

Following four days of oral hearings An Bord Pleanála's own Inspector found substantially the same objections to this proposed development.

Even more recently the proposal to locate an incinerator near Rosegreen Co. Tipperary has been abandoned in the face of local opposition. Significant among local concerns was the threat posed by the proposed incinerator to the health of the horses in the area and the consequent threat to the valuable local bloodstock industry.

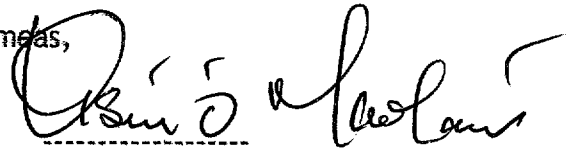
Whilst we in the North East share the concerns of the people of Rosegreen over the health risks associated with living near an incinerator, we believe the health of the human population to be at least as important as the health of thoroughbred horses.

For these reasons I respectfully appeal to the Environmental Protection Agency not to grant Indaver Ireland an IPC License.

I would appreciate a written acknowledgement of this letter, and confirmation that my objection is a valid one.

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