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Co Louth
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Environmental Protection Agency
Waste Licensing Division
Johnstown Castle Estate
Co Wexford

Re: **INDAVER IRELAND WASTE APPLICATION Reg No.167-1**

Location of Development: **Carranstown, Duleek, Co Meath**

With reference to the above, we wish to object to the application made by Indaver for a waste licence for the following reasons:

We live in Drogheda, the largest provincial town in Ireland - pop.ca.33,000 - predicted to rise to 60/70,000 in the next seven years. Drogheda is situated about 2.5 miles north-east of the proposed site, directly in line with the prevailing south-west winds. Air emissions from the incinerator (dioxins, furans and acid gases) would fall regularly on our town, causing a major health hazard. The countryside in the vicinity of the proposed plant is relatively highly populated for a rural area and the land is very good and is used to produce all kinds of food - cereals, fruit, beef and dairy, which could all be contaminated by pollutants from the incinerator.

It has come to the attention of local residents in the immediate area of the proposed Carranstown plant that the site in question is contiguous to an area of extreme vulnerability from a hydro-geological standpoint - this information was obtained (and is readily available in map form) from the Dept of Public Enterprise, Geological Survey of Ireland Office, Beggars' Bush, Haddington Road, Dublin 4.

As regards recycling, there are only **TWO** recycling centres in the north-east - Dundalk and Navan. There is **NONE** in Drogheda - the largest provincial town in the country - and none in many other towns!! Surely, the provision of recycling centres should be the first step in waste management - not incinerators!

Recently, there were two applications for incinerators refused - one in Tipperary - mainly because of objections from **stud farm managers** who had worries about **the health and welfare of their animals** (and, of course, of their own families); the other in North County Dublin - because of similar reasons put forward for the Carranstown plant!!

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

Yours faithfully,

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