



Northern Regional Fisheries Board

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Our Ref: Sh/Ern/Lic/PMcC/05

22nd. April, 2005

**Re: Integrated Pollution Prevention & Control (IPPC) Licence
Quinn Therm, Scotchtown, Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan.**

Submission

Dear Ms. O'Keefe,

We refer to your correspondence received on 24th March regarding the Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (IPCC) license application submitted by Quinn Therm Limited.

The site adjoins the Shannon Erne Waterway (also known as the Woodford River). This system is an important amenity resource and fishery.

It is proposed to connect staff facilities to the public sewerage system. We request that an assessment be made of the adequacy of the sewage treatment works to treat the effluent to an acceptable standard having regard to the requirements of the Phosphorus Regulations and to the EU Water Framework Directive. The waters of the Shannon Erne Water are enriched as are the Erne Loughs to which it discharges. In this regard we query the adequacy of phosphorus removal in the sewage treatment works.

We also suggest that conditions attached to a grant of permission would require system(s) to be maintained to ensure that no polluting discharges (sediments, oils, etc) would reach waters during the construction phase (ref. CIRIA document C532 – Control of Water Pollution from Construction Sites). We further suggest that measures be required during the construction phase to protect the river from discharges of sediment.

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The Board is in general agreement with the measures outlined in the hydrogeology report prepared by BCL Consultant Hydrogeologists Limited. Provided they are strictly adhered to, they should ensure that ground and surface water resources are adequately protected. The Board also welcomes the proposed establishment of a regular programme of ground and surface water monitoring.

Yours sincerely,



Patricia McCreesh
Fisheries Environmental Officer

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