

Sub No. 36

To

Ann Marie Donlan (Inspector)
C/o The Environmental Protection Agency
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Pullathomas,
Ballina
Co. Mayo

5th January 2007

Reference Number: PO738-01 (re application for an integrated pollution and control licence, (I.P.C.I.) by the applicant, Shell Exploration and Production Ireland Limited (S.E.P.I.L.))

Dear Ms Donlan,

As the inspector assigned to the above application, we would like to inform you that we wish to object to the granting of the above license to the applicant as set out above. We are aware that the application includes the "cold venting" of gas with respect to the proposed refinery to be located at Ballinaboy, Co. Mayo and that this pertinent issue is a planning matter as verified by the health and safety authority by letter. It is therefore a matter to be adjudicated on by the relevant planning authority i.e. in this case Mayo County Council. As the applicant was aware from inception in 2000 that they intended to "cold vent" into the atmosphere, this vital information should not have been excluded in the Environmental Impact Statement, which was submitted to the planning authority for planning approval at that time. The application submitted to the local authority was incomplete, and thus was not based on a complete and entire Environmental Impact Statement. It is therefore in our opinion inappropriate to grant the above license under these circumstances, as the proper regulatory channels with respect to procedures have not been applied.

We consider that it is inappropriate for the agency to allow the applicant to include this information re "cold venting" by attaching it as an addendum to the incomplete Environmental Impact Statement. Once again we wish to outline that this is a planning matter, which the health and safety authority needs to assess re the risk consequences and the domino effects which will arise from its inclusion. This is new information and the agency does not appear to have any relevancy in dealing with this matter. We are of the opinion that it is highly inappropriate to grant the license because the applicant intends to utilise the most primitive technology, which maximises emissions instead of reducing them into the air, land and sea environment. As a community we cherish our clean pristine air, waters and our natural environment. We are also concerned about Carrowmore Lake which is the source of our potable water and the negative environmental impacts which will arise as a result of contaminated runoff from the site. The applicants intention with respect to its proposal which includes an associated outfall discharge pipe (as a direct consequence of the purification process from the refinery) into Broadhaven Bay will severely impact on same. I trust that you will take our genuine concerns on board and refuse the application.

Yours faithfully

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Betty and Fritz Schult