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Dear Ms O'Keeffe

Re: Donegal Meat Processors, Drumnasher, Carrigans, Co. Donegal - P0187-02

Thank you for your recent correspondence dated 26th January 2007 (received in this office on 29th January 2007) in relation to the above mentioned licence review. The Loughs Agency is the statutory body charged with the conservation, protection and development of inland fisheries within the Foyle and Carlingford systems, the promotion of development of Loughs Foyle and Carlingford, and catchments for commercial and recreational purposes in respect of marine, fishery and aquaculture issues and the development of marine tourism.

The Loughs Agency has considered the details of the existing licence and would seek clarification on a number of points:

- Paragraph 6.7 refers to the reporting of and reduction of Total Nitrogen, Ammonia and Phosphorus as part of the schedule of objectives and targets. What is the time scale for this reporting and what are the targets?
- How are discharges measured? (as mentioned in Paragraph 6.8)
- Loughs Agency would request that we be included in 9.1.3(iii) in terms of notifying the Agency when contamination occurs.
- Any surface water monitoring programme should contain analysis for BOD, ammonia, oil/grease, and chloride (as outlined in 9.1.4).

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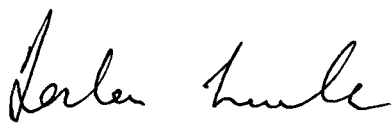
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- In terms of the content of paragraph 9.2.1, the Loughs Agency would prefer on-site boreholes and background groundwater survey.
- Paragraph 12.1 deals with emergency response. The Agency would like notification of water pollution incidents to be included.
- The table on Schedule 1 (i) highlights *Emissions to Waters*. Has the emission limit values for total nitrogen and total ammonia been modelled or how were they achieved? Also, there should be no visible oil or grease.
- The table on Schedule 1 (iii) highlights the *Monitoring of Emissions to Waters*. Do the 24 hour periods include 'down time'?

I would be grateful if you could investigate these points for the Loughs Agency and I look forward to hearing from you in due course. In the meantime, if you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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