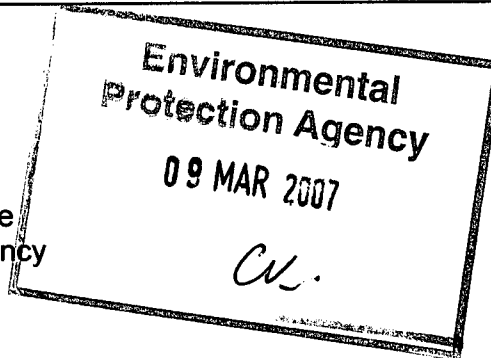


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Dear Ms O'Keeffe

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

The following correspondence is 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 response from Donegal Meat Processors to the Agency's letter of 31st January 2007 and would seek clarification on a number of points:

- The response does not fully answer the key question as per schedule 1 i.e. how are the emission limits derived? Given the SAC status, Loughs Agency would like to indicate to the EPA that as the licensing authority they may be required under Article 6 of the Habitats Directive to carry out an assessment that must address this question. The Agency would extend an offer of assistance if required.
- In relation to boreholes and groundwater, as ground water in this area may be contemporaneous with surface water, how can the EPA determine if the groundwater becomes polluted without some sort of baseline study?

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- In relation to the 15 mg/l visible oil and grease, Loughs Agency would seek clarification on whether by the company and the EPA stating that when oil is visible, it is automatically a breach of the permit conditions?

I would be grateful if you could investigate these issues 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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