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Co. Mayo
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A chasa,
I am writing to voice my concern and opposition to the granting of a licence to Mayo County Council to operate a sludge treatment centre at Drumilea Landfill site and Recycling centre. I live with my teenage daughter approximately five hundred metres from the entrance gate to this facility. I have many concerns as to this proposal going ahead and I state in this letter the more

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pressing.

As this is a landfill and recycling centre I believe this is enough for a rural area like this to cope with. Foul odour is an ever present intrusion on the quality of life for residents surrounding the present facility and unfortunately the finer the weather the more potent the ammoniated stench which has in the air. Is this problem going to be multiplied by an unknown factor when sludge, with its various ingredients, are heated at temperatures of over 600

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degrees Celsius by a desal
guzzling contraption which
can leave a significant
carbon footprint by its own
emissions. I do not believe
it possible to control the
combined emissions in such
times as still November weath
when nothing moves in the
atmosphere. Can the E.P.A.
assure me that there is no
health risk attached to the
proposed scheme.

Information on the
proposed development is at
a minimum. I read from
newspaper articles that May
C.C. is selling this as a

benefit to the area yet no one sentence of information have I or any resident received from them. In some of their reports we do not exist.

Mayo C.C. have applied also for a leachate treatment licence. Is this leachate treatment facility to treat the already problematic leachate from the landfill or to compound this problem by doubling the quantities with sludge leachate.

If this is the manner in which Mayo C.C. propose to deal with sludge

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wrote, which would appear to me to be essentially questionable, I would imply to ask Mayo C.C. to reopen their countrywide review of 2002 and find a more suitable location. local information suggests that there are four markets in County Mayo capital of dealing with such a volume of work for the E.P.A. one of the main to grant Mayo C.C. a license to operate a study of Department of Environment that it is reasonable for the local population to visit on proper dialogue with local

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the E.P.A and Mayo C.C.
I have many more
concerns, as do my neighbour
but I hope these will disappear
with good decision making
and informed thinking
winning the day.
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John Gallagher.

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