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Environmental
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Askeaton
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7-9-2007

Mr Jonathan Derham
EPA
Johnstown Castle
Johnstown Estate
Wexford

Dear Mr Derham

Please find enclosed copies of emails sent to Mr.Caoimhin Nolan on the 6-9-2007, 29-8-2007 and the 7-8-2007 in relation to pollution from Aughinish. We wrote to you on 20-7-2007 and raised important questions we needed answered. We only received a reply that this document was now on public file.

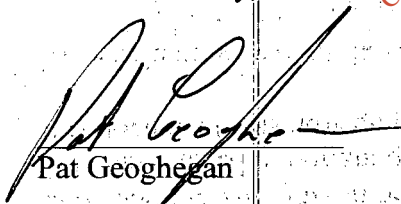
Mr. Derham we would like a reply to this document as we believe you are in a position to answer our questions raised due to your involvement in the Askeaton Investigation and your dealings with Aughinish Alumina ltd. We would hope that a reply will be furnished to us especially on these three items

1-Whats been emitted from Aughinish and the tests in which the EPA said that they were carrying out on this matter 12 years ago

2- Also who in the EPA assessed the damage that an increase in Production with associated emissions to 1.95 million tonnes per year would have on humans and livestock and vegetation in the area from an Alumina refinery.

3- Questions raised by the Mid Western Health Board over 12 years ago.

Yours Faithfully,


Pat Geoghegan

Pat Geoghegan

From: "Pat Geoghegan" <geogheganpat@eircom.net>
To: "Caoimhin Nolan" <c.nolan@epa.ie>
Sent: Thursday, September 06, 2007 11:56 AM
Subject: pollution

Dear Mr. Nolan

Yet again Mr. Nolan I find myself having to sent you another email about pollution on our farm at 10pm last night the 5th. We were foolish enough to think that we could spend an entire night on our farm but the pollution from Aughinish put paid to that very quickly. We had to wake our child at 10pm from her night sleep because the pollution had arrived and was beginning to come into our house and we were forced from our farm by 10.15pm!

Mr. Kieran O'Brien was very quick to point out to us recently in a letter that the agency had not heard from us in two years, but what benefit has it been to our family especially our two daughters to inform any personal in the EPA of the damage that Aughinish has caused us. Remember our contact has been ongoing as far back as to 1996 with the EPA as for our most recent contact to you and others what practical steps have any of you taken to protect us? All you have achieved is to let Aughinish send a letter to you which was a snide reply to us but more so it showed us that nothing has changed in the EPA over a 10 year period and the cosy relation between the EPA and Aughinish still exists. Very soon after a public meeting in Askeaton in the middle 90s in the Askeaton Investigation the then EPA were afforded a new name by the locals the IPA (Industrial Protection Agency) This morning we are again left with the health effects after last night's episode.

Pat Geoghegan

Nuala Geoghegan

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Pat Geoghegan

From: "Pat Geoghegan" <geogheganpat@eircom.net>
To: <c.nolan@epa.ie>
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2007 12:48 PM
Subject: Aughinish

Dear Mr Nolan

We were forced out of our farm again last night at around 10pm. The pollution burned our face and our eyes. We found it hard to breathe with it. When we looked down to Aughinish it was frightening to see the amount of pollution in the sky coming towards us from Aughinish. Even going out our passage way when leaving the pollution came into the car with our girls been caught in it.

Its an absolute disgrace whats happening at the moment with this Industry under the supervision of the EPA.

Pat Geoghegan

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From: "Pat Geoghegan" <geogheganpat@eircom.net>
To: <c.nolan@epa.ie>
Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2007 2:41 PM
Attach: Caoimhin Nolan.doc
Subject: Caoimhin Nolan

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7-8-2007

Mr Caoimhin Nolan
EPA
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Dear Mr Nolan,

Pollution was on our farm again yesterday Monday the 6th from Aughinish. It burned our face and eyes and our younger daughter complained of her eyes been sore and it giving her stomach pains later. Today Tuesday the 7th Nuala had a severe sore throat after it with us all having the fatigue. We had the pollution on our farm again last week causing our cattle to coughing severely. As much as we try and stay off our farm it seems not to matter as the pollution is so constant anyway.

We have now to consider taking precaution in wearing safety glasses while on the farm to protect our eyes because of the severity of the caustic/acid. Rain that fell last week contained acid droplets as we could find it burning our face.

We would appreciate to know what is the actual amount that Aughinish production is at this moment and not what it was a year ago?

It's also very noticeable the amount of farmers and others who are contacting members of the Cappagh Farmers Support Group complaining of problems. Our members ask them if they complained their problems to the EPA or Aughinish and it seems to be the same answer all the time we are only wasting our time telling the EPA or Aughinish as one will cover up for the other. No one seems to have any confidence in the EPA especially since the Askeaton Investigation.

Yours Faithfully,

Pat Geoghegan.