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**Re: EPA Waste Management Licence
Ref. W0020-02
Monaghan Co Council – Scotch Corner Landfill, Letterbane, Annyalla,
Castleblayney**

Dear Ms. Richards,

I refer to the recent communication in relation to the above.

There are a number of dwellings in the general area and one of these has made a complaint submission in relation to noise, odour, litter, and height of dump.

From a Public Health Viewpoint I would consider that this facility, if subject to the normal environmental controls and best practice, should not present a major health impact. However, the possibility of groundwater contamination has the potential to present both short term and long term health consequences.

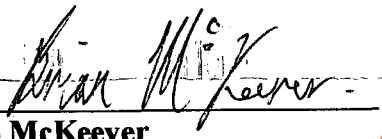
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The HSE would favour more consultation and verification on the following:

- (a) Consultation/Notification to the HSE of exceedences in the results of monitoring of ground water at wells in use by dwellings.
- (b) The inclusion of Poly Aromatic Hydrocarbons in the parameters to be tested in the ground water.
- (c) The identification of zone of contamination if groundwater contamination occurs, and the notification of residents.
- (d) The preparation of an emergency plan, and consideration of alternative water supply for both humans and animals in the event of ground or surface water contamination.

Yours faithfully,


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