

The Executive Engineer,
Environmental Protection Agency
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February 22nd 2008

Dear Sir, Re public sewerage outfalls into Cork Harbour.

I am given to understand that you are the Authority which governs the discharge from sewers into Cork harbour from the area of Cobh. I understand that a Wastewater Discharge Licence, No S.I/684 Of 2007, was applied for last year, also that it gave locations of the outfalls in the Cobh area. I am further advised that the effluent discharged is untreated and as a resident and angler I am concerned regarding the water quality of Cork Harbour.

Will you please let me have the following information:-

- 1) The location of outfalls in the Cobh/Whitepoint area.
- 2) The amount of time it takes for a body of harbour water to be completely discharged into the open sea.
- 4) The extent of the risk to health to the public from the consumption of fish and shellfish caught in the harbour.
- 5) A recent analysis of harbour water quality, with particular reference to heavy metals, pesticides and other injurious materials.
- 5) The source of water supplied to domestic premises in Cobh together with a recent water analysis for the Whitepoint area.

I have accessed your website www.epa.ie but can find no statistics which apply particularly to the Cobh area. All reports appear to be non specific

With regard to the Cork Harbour Main Drainage Scheme I would appreciate a note of its progress and when it is anticipated to be complete. Also to what extent it will improve the quality of harbour water.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course and meanwhile thank you in anticipation of your kind attention.

Yours faithfully



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