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Submission to oral hearing re Incinerator

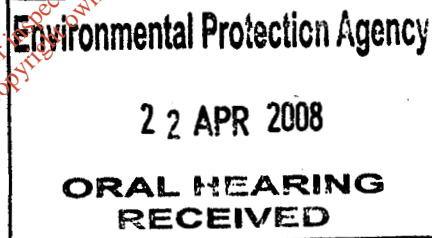
In the 1960's the Esb engineers decided that in order to ensure that the discharges from the Poolbeg Power Station were released above the inversion ceiling that develops over Dublin during anticyclonic weather in the Winter months they needed chimneys some 600 ft tall.

How then can it be safe to operate the proposed incinerator which has a chimney stack less than half that height.

(In conditions of inversion the plume from the incinerator would get trapped in the air over the city... giving rise to Very high concentration of pollutants.)

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According to "The precautionary principle"... EU law 1992

The onus is on the proposers of this project to establish that there will not be health effects.

If there is any doubt in this, the decision must be against the project ..

The role of the EPA is to protect the residents rather than facilitate this project. The benefit of the doubt must go to the residents, not to the proposers of this project.

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Prior to the previous major Dublin City council project in Dublin Bay ... the pigeon house sewage works, residents were assured that the operations would be "state of the art" and that there would be no smells.

Even as recently as this week , residents have experienced the bad odours from the plant

Why should the Epa or residents believe any assurances regarding the proposed incinerator

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Has the Environment Directorate of the European Commission been asked for an opinion regarding the location of the proposed incinerator?

What comeback will residents have in the future, when the probable health effects emerge.

What measures are being put in place to deal with fires, explosions or other accidents at the plant, and to ensure an immediate warning is got to local, city and country residents.

What provision will there be for the permanent closure of the plant if it fails to operate to the necessary standards?

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What exposure does the Irish taxpayer face to Eu fines if this plant does not comply with EU environmental standards?

If standards are made more stringent , will the plant be required to retrofit to meet those standards?

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