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Re: SUBMISSION OF EXPANSION /DREHID SUPERDUMP

Dear Sir/Madam

I hereby put forward this submission on the basis of trebling the size of the landfill in Drehid to an additional 240,000 tonnes. I have been informed that the result of this hearing is due in November and that my submission is still valid at present. My quality of life since the facility has been operating has declined rapidly due to the persisting infestation of flies in my home. It was uninhabitable and barbaric as flies were dropping into food and we constantly had to sanitize our house, I was in disbelief with the amount of them, no sprays or sticky traps deterred them. This is not an isolated incident. In all the years that I have been living in the area this problem has never occurred, or in my families generation for that matter. I was in disbelief so much so that I asked an Environmental officer to come to my house on Monday 21st of September and Ciaran Geoghan –Facility Manager from Drehid also came to my house to see this for themselves. I also made a call to Damien Masterson from the EPA, who is an Inspector, to log my complaint. He assured me that he had a scheduled appointment at the site the following day and would take my complaint on board. They since sprayed the dump with pesticide and informed me this problem will die down. And this is when it increased; I was supposed to be panned of with this. Only because of my persistence, I am now told the feedback is that the source of material used in the coverage of the dump and the amount of coverage was not suitable and we will not experience this for the future. This is inadequate, as at first all parties would defensively not admit the dump played any part in this and blaming the weather, rain, heat etc.

I am appalled with the audacity of all parties concerned and if the facility is quite clearly not running sufficiently after six months of operation. How will it be managed any better on Expansion?

I am currently awaiting an on site inspection report and an up to date tonnage report as requested from the EPA.

I strongly object to the Expansion of Drehid as both my family and I have no longer the quality of life we used to have and this problem will only continue to get worse.

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Yours truly,

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C.C. to Minister Gormley of Dept of Environment