

Trabolgan,
Roches point,
Whitegate,
Midleton,
Co.Cork.

03 December 2008

RE: Submission on objection Reg No: P0830-01

Sonja Smith
Programme Officer
Office of climate, Licensing & Resource use
Regional Inspectorate, Inniscarra
Co.Cork

Dear Ms Smith:

I wish to make the following submission on objections by the applicant Bord gais Eireann located at Whitegate Independent Power Plant, Whitegate, Co.Cork.

Re: Condition 3.13 "The road to Fort Davis and the Calor depot is not a public road". This line is quoted from the objection made by the applicant on 5th November 2008. I would like to highlight that this is where the site notice was said to be present as per the regional inspector.

The applicant are therefore supporting the case that I made in my previous objection that there was **NO** site notice for viewing/inspection by the general public in an area accessible to the general public and I repeat my point does this fact compromise the validity of the application.

I again include my letter of 9th October and a copy of the regional inspectors report in relation to the said site notice. With this information taken into consideration in my opinion it puts more emphasis that the general public did not have the opportunity to put forward their objections or submissions to this IPPC licence application. Please afford them this opportunity now by asking the applicant to re apply with site notices erected in a public place for viewing.

4 Schedule B.1

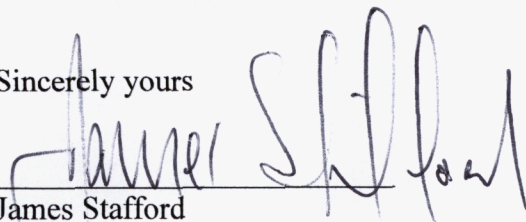
4.1 Emissions from main stack A2-1/Auxiliary stack A1-1

Bord Gais state that they made an "error" in the licence application in relation to the air emissions, this is very worrying that it is only at this late stage that they noticed an error for something that is of great importance. In my opinion this is another reason why I feel the applicant should re apply so that any persons who might have taken an interest in the file and might have not had some concern regarding the levels might now due to the fact that the emission levels are set to double.



Please find enclosed photographs that I took of the site notice no1. which was erected on the 24th September 2008 and no.2 taken on the 3rd of December 2008 to show weathering of site notice i.e steel screw top left rusted.

Sincerely yours


James Stafford

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Sonja Smith

From: Sean O'Donoghue
Sent: 09 October 2008 16:10
To: Sonja Smith
Subject: FW: observation re:PO830-01

From: Emer Stafford [mailto:jandestafford@eircom.net]
Sent: 09 October 2008 13:41
To: Sean O'Donoghue
Subject: observation re:PO830-01

EPA
Regional Inspectorate,
Inniscarra,
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Trabolgan,
Whitegate,
Midleton,
Co.Cork.

9th October 2008

Ref:PO830-01

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to make an observation that the week after my submission dated 12th September 2008 was lodged with the EPA that there were **new** site notices erected dated back to 11th July 2007. You might note that in my previous observation (re 4b) I had not seen any site notices re this application.

It is very obvious to me and others that these notices had just been put up.

Does that now mean that the set period for the issuing of the proposed determination of the application for an IPPC licence for Bord gais Eireann (PO830-01) will be extended or how is the application affected by this fact?

Yours truly,

James Stafford.

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The following concerns were also raised:

The use of meteorological data from Cork Airport instead of data from the nearby Roches' Point in the application.

Response:

Meteorological data has not been generated at Roches point since 1991, and data generated prior to 1991 did not include cloud cover. For these reasons it is considered that Cork Airport data is more suitable.

Have occupational exposure limits (OELs) for substances emitted from the installation been looked at with regard to exposure to nearby residents and employees?

Response:

Exposure to such substances within the workplace is a matter for the Health and Safety Authority. Exposure to pollutants from the installation outside the site boundary is dealt with in detail in the inspector's report, and concludes that emissions from the installation will not have any significant adverse impact on the environment, including the health of local residents.

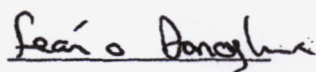
Was a site notice erected with regard to the IPPC licence application, as Mr Stafford does not recall seeing such a notice?

Response:

The application includes site maps indicating the locations of these site notices, as well as a copy of the site notice, newspaper notice, and the letter to Cork County Council in notification of the submission of the application. The site maps indicate four locations in the vicinity of the WIPP and refinery boundaries as having site notices erected. One of these site notices (at the entrance to the power plant) remains in place at present.

In conclusion Mr Stafford requests that full attention is given to his submission, for the protection of the local environment.

Signed



Seán O'Donoghue.

for Mr JAVIS RD - PRIVATE

EXTRACT from RECOMMENDED ATTENUATION

- ASSAULT REPORT

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from SEAN O'DONOGHUE INSPECTOR'S REPORT
TO DIRECTORS OF E.P.A DATED 23RD SEPT '08

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24/9/08

SITE NOTICE

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Signed: _____

Declan Lynch
Bord Gáis Éireann

Date: _____

11th JULY 2007.

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11th July 2007.