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Director of Services
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

13 JAN 2009

12<sup>th</sup> January 2009

Re: Integrated Constructed Wetland(ICW) ponds in close proximity to R. Hurley built contrary to planning permission granted by An Bord Pleanala Ref: PL17.215281 (NA/50189)

At: Rathfeigh, Tara, Co. Meath

Dear Sir

The Board wrote to you regarding the discharge of effluent to the above ICW complex and alleged breach of planning permission dated 21<sup>st</sup> April 2007. Following your investigation we note that you issued Mr. Fox with a Section 154 Enforcement Notice (UD07/122) dated 9<sup>th</sup> May 2007. Schedules 1 and 2 of the Measures to be taken requested that Mr. Fox would Remove the three additional ponds from the site as outlined in red and Construct the five ponds as per the grant of planning permission Ref; PL17.215281 (NA/50189) granted by An Bord Pleanala. These actions were supposed to be complied with within 4 weeks of Enforcement Notice.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> August 2007 Euro Farm Foods applied to Meath County Council for retention of a constructed wetland system for the proposed treatment of effluent from the Euro Farm Foods facility. This application was refused on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2007. There was no appeal to An Bord Pleanala.

To date and to our knowledge these two schedule of measures have not been complied with and no further planning application to regularise this situation has been made to date.

Furthermore this ICW structure, build without planning permission, is being proposed as a storage area for treated abbatoir wastewater under an IPPC application by Cooksgrove Ltd to the EPA (Reg. No: PO822-01) and as part of a planning application (SA802891). The Board is opposed to this proposal on a number of grounds.

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The Board would appreciate it if Meath County Council would continue to use their powers under the Planning Acts in order to alleviate this unacceptable situation as outlined above.

We would appreciate if you would keep us updated on the above matter.

We look forward to your reply.

Yours faithfully

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