



*North Lee Environmental Health*

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**RE:**  
**Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Ref Number W0255-01,  
Waste Licence Application for Dripsey Green Partnership located at O Regan's Quarry  
Products Limited, Tulligmore, Dripsey, Co. Cork.**

Dear Mr Reilly,

I refer to the recent correspondence relating to the above named Waste Licence Application submitted to the Environmental Health Department of the HSE on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

Please note the following comments that this department wishes to make.

**Noise Control**

It is imperative that Noise levels shall be maintained at below the 55db limit at all times and this would include the construction of any new developments related to the project. While predicted noise impacts have been stated to be negligible the mitigation measures that have been proposed should be implemented and monitored. Annual noise monitoring should be carried out as proposed in the Impact Statement.

**Human Beings**

The correct personal protective equipment shall be worn by staff to minimise the risk of inhalation of dangerous aerosols. The operation of the composting facility shall conform with the appropriate standards to ensure minimal risk to staff and the public in the surrounding area.

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### **Air Quality**

The dust control measures that are already in place should continue. During construction of the new units the dust control measures should be increased to suit.

A legionella control assessment may be needed depending on the type of water spray systems used for dust control.

### **Ground Water Quality**

The green waste composting system will generate leachate/contaminated water run off that has the potential to impact on ground water quality.

An automatic leak detection system may be required for the underground leachate storage tanks.

It may be necessary to increase the frequency of water sampling then is currently proposed in the Impact Statement to ensure that the composting system is working safely on start up.

### **Staff Hygiene**

Sufficient toilet and wash hand facilities should be provided on site.

### **Pest Control**

Any major earthworks will pose a risk of pests if mitigation measures are not put in place. A pest control plan should be in place at all times.

Screening of all waste coming in should ensure that only the correct materials are brought into the site.

If you have any further queries in relation to this application please do not hesitate to contact me

Yours Sincerely,



Miriam Cashell

**A/Principal Environmental Health Officer.**