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Environmental Protection Agency,  
Office of Climate,  
Licensing & Resource Use,  
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Johnstown Castle Estate,  
Co. Wexford

5 April 2009

**Re: Application by Oxygen Environmental Ltd, for a licence to operate an integrated Waste Management Facility at Lismagratty and Corranure Townlands, Cavan, Co. Cavan. Your ref: W0248/01**

Dear Sirs

1. I live about half a mile from the above waste facility. I have experienced numerous problems from this landfill
2. As an enthusiastic Gaelic footballer I find it difficult to run on my local roads due to the unhealthy air that is present. This problem is exacerbated on cold nights when there tends to be a terrible stench. This is extremely unhealthy and hinders my exercise as a result. I play with my football club that is about two miles from the landfill site. This also does not escape the stench, which was lingering in the air this morning while I was out for a jog.
3. I have run into numerous health problems since I have returned from Scotland just over twelve months ago. This included at least three different antibiotics to fight numerous throat infections and a virus that prohibited me from engaging in football for over two months last season. On one of these occasions the antibiotics proscribed by my G.P were unable to fight the infection and I had to be proscribed the strongest antibiotics that my G.P. was able to proscribe. Bearing in mind that I spent over twelve months in Scotland where I was not ill once, even though temperatures regularly fall below zero with Edinburgh being an extremely windy and cold city. I recently lost my mother to cancer and I can not help but wonder if this facility contributed to her illness.

4. My father runs a B&B and the business here has been greatly affected by the regular stench that lingers in the air. Tourists tend not to stay in the area due to the stench. I feel that the government has failed to recognize the importance of promoting tourism in the border areas, especially now with the recession. The fact that the border areas are some of the most economically deprived and peripheral regions of the twenty six counties I feel that more efforts should be made to stimulate economic activity in the region, not hinder it.

5. There is also the problem that all local residents face, devaluation of land and property values. This is quite evident from the 'site for sale' sign that has been positioned beside our house for well over twelve months now. There is also the problem with drying clothes outside. This stench hinders the ability to do this and also destroys clothes that may be left out to dry over night.

6. The fact that Oxygen can not address the existing problems with this site and their unacceptable past track record of upholding licence agreements and regulations leaves me in no doubt that this company can not be trusted in any future developments of heat treatment facilities on the site.

Yours Faithfully  
Donal Farrelly

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