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6 Prospect Terrace, Marine Drive, Sandymount, Dublin 4.

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26/05/2009

The Licensing Department, The Environmental Protection Agency, Richview, Clonskeagh, Dublin 14.

Dear Sirs,

For some five to six weeks past, a heavy cream /buff coloured foam is aggregating along the shore line at Sandymount on the front of incoming tides. This aggregate forms a floating mass of sludge particularly beneath Bissets' Metal works at the North East corner of Sandymount Strand. Perhaps it might be investigated as to origin, it may be coming from the outfall for sewage filtrate from the Ringsend Waste water treatment Plant on Pigeon House Road.? Is reported it to the Harbour Master's Office about four weeks ago but as far as I can see little notice has been taken of that complaint.

In June and July the nearby beaches will be used by families with children and we do have notice boards about bacterial counts and bathing water quality

I have seen similar soapy looking suds in the past but this is the first time since the new plant which opened in June 2003 this has been apparent.

I am aware that reproducing brown algae can form such a sludge but any I have seen in the past had an orange coloured hue not cream coloured at all.

I should be grateful if you could give this matter your attention . Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Catherine cavendish



