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Mr. Brian Meaney,
Senior Inspector,
Office of Climate Change, Licensing and Resource Use,
Environmental Protection Agency
PO Box 3000
Johnstown Castle Estate,
Co. Wexford.

Re: W.L.W 0161-01, Bottlehill Landfill Application for Technical Amendment to
Waste Licence

Dear Mr. Meaney,

I have been informed by Mr. Louis Duffy, Director of Services Environment, Cork Co. Council that an application has been made for an amendment to the licence granted by the EPA for a land fill at Bottlehill.

I am grateful to Mr. Duffy for informing me of my right to object to this proposed amendment as I was not aware that the EPA are not obliged to inform the original objectors of such applications.

At the oral hearing with the inspector appointed by the EPA it was pointed out that as this facility was located on top of a hill with approximately 2m of clay over bedrock, the stability of the cells that are to be constructed to a height of 30m over ground level presented a grave risk of collapse.

It was hoped that with the waste being baled and stacked in a proper manner they might contribute to the stability of the mound.

It now appears that Cork Co. Council wish to put unbaled waste into the facility. If this is permitted the stability of the mound will be compromised and in the event of a collapse it will be catastrophic for the ground water sources and the rivers rising in this elevated area.

This application cannot be considered a "technical amendment" it is totally contrary to the conditions granted in the licence and sound engineering practice. It now appears as if Cork Co. Council are going to try and chip away at the Conditions contained in the licence and this cannot be entertained by the EPA.

The Inspector's report on the facility is on record irrespective of the boards decision to grant a licence and I feel that if this report is re-visited it will be obvious that this application will have to be refused.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.A. Burke".

Daniel A. Burke