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**From:** Hayes, Geraldine  
**Sent:** 19 March 2009 14:15  
**To:** ONeill, Pat  
**Cc:** OBrien, Grace; OBrien, Danny  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed dredging operations for Arklow Harbour, Wicklow People newspaper 18/03/09 page 51

Pat

Please see the attached email, I presume that a new application is on its way, this email should be circulated with the papers when that is being done.

Grace  
 If you know the file ref , put this on computer file

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Proposed dredging operations for Arklow Harbour, Wicklow People newspaper 18/03/09 page 51

Dear Sir/ Madam,

With reference to notice issued by Arklow Harbour Master, published in Wicklow People 18/03/09, regarding proposed dredging operations and dumping of dredge spoil at sea. This notice is issued under the Dumping at Sea Acts 1996 to 2004, for which i believe the Minister has direct input and control.

I wish to inform the minister and the Coastal Management Division Dept of Agriculture, that a considerable amount of the material to be dredged contains untreated sewerage amongst other items, which could also include heavy metals due to ship yard and boat works within the harbour, and former mining operations up river

I am in favour of dredging operations with a view to developing an under utilised resource and to clean up the river/port area. however i am extremely concerned as to the potential environmental pollution that would most likely be caused by dumping this spoil prior to its treatment.

I do appreciate that the Minister has a large amount of responsibilities, however it would be remiss of me not to bring this matter to his and his Office's attention, prior to any potential damage which could be caused by this spoil near to a large amount of Blue Flag beaches in the height of summer.

Please find attached links to other articles regarding the amount of pollution within the Avoca River and Arklow Port.

[www.arklowseascouts.ie/sewage/index.htm](http://www.arklowseascouts.ie/sewage/index.htm)  
[historical-debates.oireachtas.ie/S/0160/S\\_0160\\_199910190007.html](http://historical-debates.oireachtas.ie/S/0160/S_0160_199910190007.html)  
[www.independent.ie/national-news/avoca-river-beauty-spot-still-polluted-by-mine-water-82299.html](http://www.independent.ie/national-news/avoca-river-beauty-spot-still-polluted-by-mine-water-82299.html)  
<http://www.wicklowpeople.ie/news/avoca-river-the-filthiest-in-ireland-1065774.html>

Many thanks,

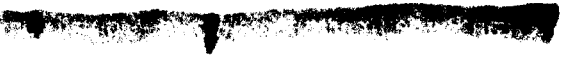
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Lorcan Byrne.  
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C.C. Senator DeBurca Wicklow  
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