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Sent:

11 August 2010 14:03

To:

Tara Higgins

Cc:

Noeleen Roche; Terry McMahon; Francis X O Beirn

Subject:

RE: Query regarding Dumping at Sea Permit Permit No. 388

Dear Ms Higgins,

As far as I'm aware, I have not yet received a copy of the report. It would have been submitted in the first instance to CZMD in DAFF.

I suggest you contact Dublin Port Company, who may be able to help you out.

Best regards, Margot

From: Tara Higgins [mailto:T.Higgins@epa.ie]

Sent: 11 August 2010 12:46

To: Margot Cronin; Terry McMahon; Francis X O Beirn

Cc: Noeleen Roche

Subject: Query regarding Dumping at Sea Permit Permit No. 388

Dear Dr McMahon, Ms Cronin and Dr O'Beirn,

As you would be aware, a dumping at sea permit (no. 388) was issued by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (DAFF) in December 2007 to the Dublin Ports company, authorising the disposal at sea of contaminated sediments followed by the capping of the contaminated spoil with clean sediments between 18th December 2007 and 17th December 2008.

Condition (p) of that permit stated that: "A monitoring programme shall be put in place at the dump site to inform of any adverse impact caused by the spoil to include surface grab sampling, granulometry and chemical analysis.

Programme to be agreed with the Marine Institute prior to commencement of the dredging".

While I have located the relevant hardcopy file relating to this permit amongst the various files transferred from the DAFF to the EPA in March 2010, I have been unable to locate within these files any information on the post-disposal monitoring programme specified in permit condition (p). I would appreciate any information or records the Marine Institute may have regarding the aforementioned monitoring, which would be of great benefit to the Agency in carrying out our functions with regards to dumping at sea permitting.

Please note that this and any associated correspondence will be held on public file and made available to view on the Agency's website www.epa.ie.

Kind regards,

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