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Climate, Licensing and Resource Use

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY
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Re: EPA licensing of landfill extension and MBT plant in Corranure, Co. Cavan

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you in relation to the proposed extension of the landfill extension and application for planning permission for an MBT plant in Corranure, Co. Cavan. I

understand applications to extend the landfill site by 100 acres and build an MBT plant are being considered by the EPA. Local residents have expressed grievances with the current management of the landfill site, and are experiencing problems arising from its alleged mismanagement, including:

1. The immense negative impact of the existing facility on family life.
2. Unsuitability of site for landfill and biological waste treatment facility.
3. The effects of noxious odours and gases on the health of residents which has been constant and on going.
4. Clusters of cancers in Ballyhaise down wind from the landfill.
5. Alleged mismanagement of the existing landfill facility
7. Devaluation of property in the area.
8. Lack of qualified personnel to operate existing landfill and proposed MBT plant.
9. Negative effect on the archaeological and cultural heritage environment of the local area.
10. Negative effect on the local community.
11. Pollution of local streams, water courses and fields.
12. Road usage and traffic: trucks arriving from all over Ireland.
14. Treatment of leachate from plant
15. Issues of accountability for businesses and to take appropriate action to make them abide by the law.

I would be grateful if you could outline what the EPA is doing alleviate the concerns of local residents on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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