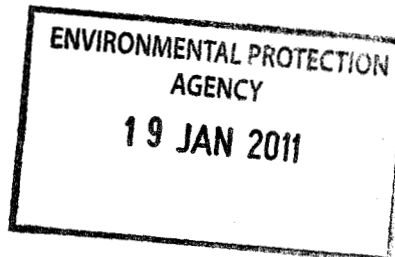


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18th January 2010

RE: Submission to Proposed Decision on Waste License Application W0248-01

Dear Sir/Madam,

This submission has been prepared on behalf of the Cavan Better Waste Management Group, c/o Peter Sexton, Killygoan, Cavan, Co. Cavan.

We would like to put forward from the outset that the Cavan Better Waste Management Group representing the local community welcome the Proposed Decision of the EPA to refuse the waste licence application by Oxigen Environmental Ltd. We now request that the EPA finalise the Proposed Decision to refuse waste licence application W0248-01.

We are satisfied that the Board's reasons for refusal will ensure that the environment surrounding the landfill at Corranure will not be subject to further degradation as a result of the non-compliance of the operators of the facility with EPA conditions. In addition, Cavan Better Waste Management Group are satisfied that the potential for additional odour emissions from the operation of cell 4 and the proposed biological treatment plant have been limited due to the Proposed Decision of the EPA.

We support the EPA's stance that allowing the landfill to operate under two licences would create difficulty in enforcing licence conditions. Both the licencees (Cavan County Council) and the operators (Oxigen Environmental Ltd.) of the facility have a poor history of compliance with respect to excessive and unacceptable odour emissions from the facility. The impossibility of proving the source of harmful emissions could result in considerable legal complications in relation to supervision of the facility and enforcement of conditions.

We commend the Office of Environmental Enforcement for identifying the facility as a high priority for enforcement and continuing to do so. We recognise that the Agency have invested considerable time and energy in the enforcement of the previous landfill licence and we are encouraged by the Proposed Decision of the Board in this instance. Our primary concern relates to the health and safety of the people who reside in the vicinity of Corranure landfill, and we are satisfied that the Proposed Decision will provide significant relief and re-assurance for the local community.

We trust that the Agency will have regard to this submission when finalising the Proposed Decision and will examine the points raised on behalf of the Cavan Better Waste Management Group.

We would be grateful for written acknowledgement of this submission in due course and ask that all future correspondence regarding same be sent to Cavan Better Waste Management Group, c/o Peter Sexton, Killygoan, Cavan, Co. Cavan.

Yours Faithfully,

Peter Sexton

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