

Sonja Smith

From: Brendan Kissane
Sent: 18 August 2011 12:17
To: Sonja Smith
Cc: djlong@eircom.net
Subject: FW: Pollution Press Statement
Attachments: Pollution 10_11th August.pdf

Importance: High

Sonja,

Please include this complaint as a submission on the Waste Water Discharge Licence (D0134-01) application for the Castlemartyr agglomeration.

Regards
 Brendan Kissane

From: Brendan Kissane
Sent: 17 August 2011 15:41
To: 'djlong@eircom.net'
Cc: Cliona Ni Eidhin; Sonja Smith
Subject: FW: Pollution Press Statement
Importance: High

Mr Long,

Your complaint details have been passed to me by Cliona Ni Eidhin. On receipt of your e-mail Cliona referred your complaint to Cork County Council requesting that they investigate the issue as an urgent priority and revert to you with their investigation and response.

Please also be aware that the Waste water Discharge Licence (D0134-01) application for Castlemartyr Waste Water Treatment Plant is currently being assessed by the EPA and a licence will issue once this process has been completed. Part of this licensing process allows that submissions can be made to the EPA from interested parties such as your Wonanagh Trout Anglers Association.

Subject to your permission by return mail your complaint will also be included as a submission on the Waste Water Discharge Licence application and the Agency will have due regard to the content of your submission in its consideration of the application, in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007, as amended. <http://www.epa.ie/downloads/legislation/wwda/name.23534.en.html>

Further information on the Waste Water Discharge Licensing process can be found at <http://www.epa.ie/whatwedo/licensing/wwda/>

Further information on the Submission process in the Waste Water Discharge Licence process can be found at <http://www.epa.ie/whatwedo/licensing/wwda/process/submissions/#d.en.23531>

Regards

Brendan Kissane
 ☒ Office of Environmental Enforcement,
 EPA, Johnstown Castle Estate, Wexford.
 ☒ b.kissane@epa.ie
 ☎ 053 9160600

From: Cliona Ni Eidhin
Sent: 15 August 2011 13:04
To: 'Nicholas Bond'; 'Environmental Complaints'
Cc: 'd jlong@eircom.net'; John Doheny
Subject: FW: Pollution Press Statement
Importance: High

Dear Nicholas and to whom it may concern,

Please find below and attached details of a pollution event reported in the River Kiltha in Castlemartyr, Co. Cork over the last number of days. The complainant refers to a "Water Treatment Plant" but this issue may relate to the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Cork County Council is requested to investigate this issue as an urgent priority, liaising with the Complainant as appropriate. In the first instance, the complainant should be informed that his complaint is being dealt with.

The complainant has been requested to revert to the EPA if the issue is not dealt with satisfactorily by Cork County Council.

Yours sincerely,

Cliona Ní Eidhin

Cliona Ni Eidhin
Office of Environmental Enforcement
EPA Regional Inspectorate
Inniscarra, Co. Cork

Tel: 021-4875540
Email: cneidhin@epa.ie
Web: www.epa.ie

For inspection purposes only.
Consent of copyright owner required for any other use.

From: Wexford Receptionist
Sent: 15 August 2011 12:08
To: OEE Cork; Carol Bradley
Subject: FW: Pollution Press Statement

Rec'd today – the attachment from earlier email.

Thanks Ann.

Ann Rochford
Programme Officer,
Environmental Protection Agency
P O Box 3000
Johnstown Castle Estate
Wexford
Tel: 00353 53 91 60600
Fax: 00353 53 91 60699
Email: info@epa.ie
Web: www.epa.ie

From: Denis Long [<mailto:d jlong@eircom.net>]
Sent: 15 August 2011 12:04

To: Wexford Receptionist
Subject: RE: Pollution Press Statement

Dear Ann,

My apologies for not including the attachment.

In fact, the incident lasted a further two days until 15th.

While the discharge has stopped, the condition of the river, particularly along the bank side, is appalling..

Best Regards,
Denis Long, Hon. Sec.
Womanagh Trout Anglers Association

This email has been scanned by the MessageLabs Email Security System.
For more information please visit <http://www.messagelabs.com/email>

*For inspection purposes only.
Consent of copyright owner required for any other use.*



PRESS STATEMENT – 12th August 2011
Released by the Womanagh Trout Anglers Association

A serious pollution incident has and is taking place on the River Kiltha in Castlemartyr, Co. Cork.

It was first noticed at 8 am on Wednesday 10th August, and still continues TWO days later.

The water treatment plant situated at Castlemartyr is, and has been, discharging effluent into the Kiltha River for at least two days. (See photos below - photo exif information). We also have video evidence of this pollution. This is the latest incident in a long line of pollution incidents from this plant. Is it merely co-incidence that this treatment plant is 'hidden' away in the woods down-river of the village.

In the light of this prolonged assault on the river, a river that is struggling to survive from previous pollution incidents, and the fact that there has never been any culpability acknowledged or apportioned, it is evident that all the "green" platitudes spouted by the Dept. of the Environmental, Community & Local Government is just the usual political lip service. Indeed the department title could be construed as a triple joke, since neither the environment or the community is served and local government –statistically, the country's greatest polluters—is exempt from the pseudo wrath of the department!

This treatment plant is 'monitored' and 'supervised' by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). I quote the first three paragraphs of their, *About Us/ Roles and Responsibilities*, web page.

"The Environmental Protection Agency is at the front line of environmental protection and policing. We ensure that Ireland's environment is protected, and we monitor changes in environmental trends to detect early warning signs of neglect or deterioration.

Protecting our environment is a huge responsibility, and we work with a number of organisations that carry out specific environmental functions.

The EPA is an independent public body established under the Environmental Protection Agency Act, 1992. The other main instruments from which we derive our mandate are the Waste Management Act, 1996, and the Protection of the Environment Act, 2003."

Really?

The pollution occurring at Castlemartyr is in flagrant breach of both state law and European Union directives. It is detrimental to the health of the River Kiltha and to the health of any member of the public who accesses the river downstream of the water 'treatment' plant. It is also indicative of the lack of political will to enforce the pertinent legislation.

We've been listening to the talk since the foundation of the state, isn't it time for enforcement?

N.B. Could soon coming to a watercourse near you!

Mr. Denis Long
Hon. Sec.,
Womanagh Trout Anglers Association

Wednesday, August 10th 2011



Photo 1 - 10th August 2011 - 08.27



Photo 2 - 10th August 2011 - 08.28

Wednesday, 10th August 2011



Photo 3 - 10th August - 08.28



Photo 4 - 10th August 2011 - 08.34

Upstream of Water Treatment Plant - Wednesday, August 10th 2011 - 08.32



Photo 1

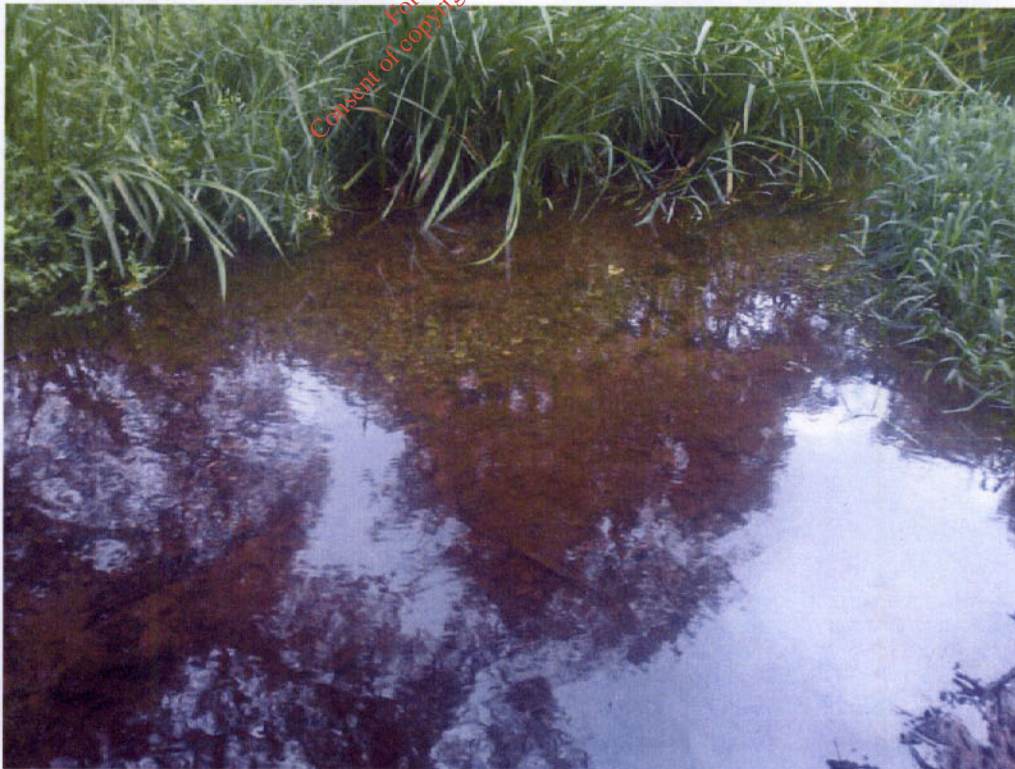


Photo 2

Thursday, 11th August 2011 (Day 2)



Photo 1 - 11th August 2011 - 10.24



Photo 2 - 11th August 2011 - 10.24

Thursday, August 11th 2011 (Day 2)



Photo 3 - 11th August 2011 - 12.30



Photo 4 - 11th August 2011 - 20.08

Thursday, 11th August 2011 (Day 2)

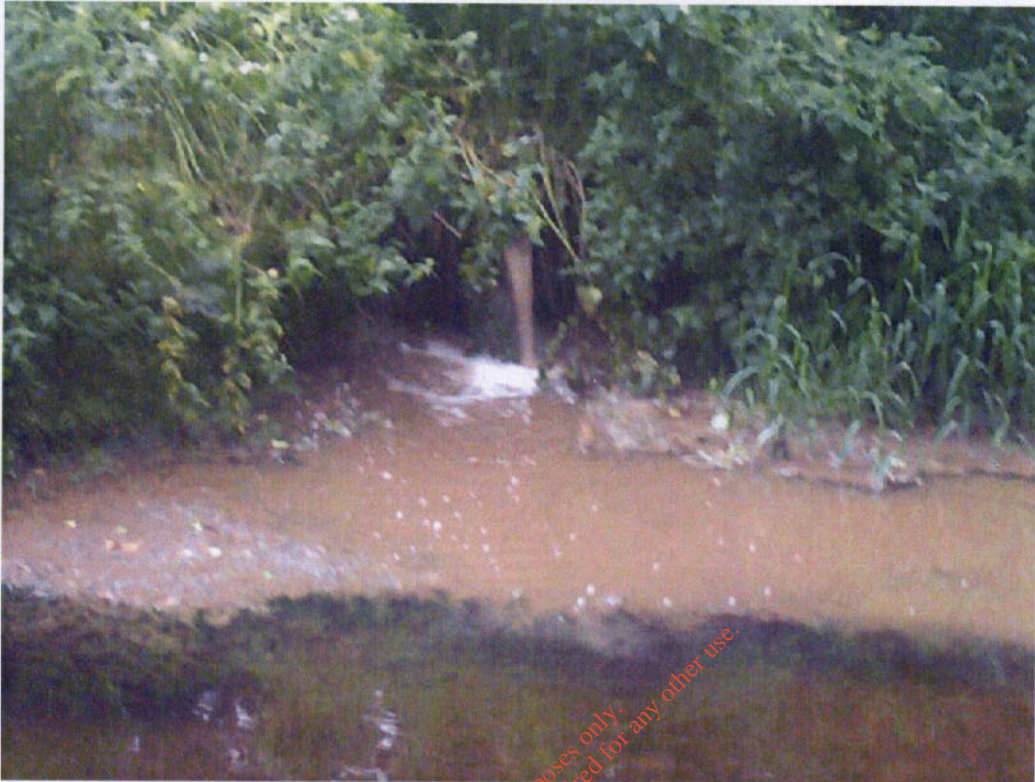


Photo 5 - 11th August 2011 - 20.08



Photo 6 - 11th August 2011 - 20.08