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**Sent:** 23 February 2012 16:57  
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**Subject:** FW: DUMPING AT SEA APPLICATION REF. S0002-01

Advisory Committee – Marine Institute Comments No. 2

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**Cc:** Tara Higgins  
**Subject:** RE: DUMPING AT SEA APPLICATION REF. S0002-01

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I refer to your e-mail of 10<sup>th</sup> February last in relation to the above application for a Dumping at Sea Permit and the request for a Technical Amendment to same.

1. The disposal and capping operation proposed in this case is not unique. This method has been used in other countries and, at least in principle, can be considered to be a practical approach to dealing with the contaminated sediments found in Arklow Harbour.
2. In all cases involving disposal and capping operations there will be a time lag between the placement of the contaminated material in the excavated pit and its subsequent capping with non-contaminated clean material. During this time the contaminated material is exposed to wave and current action.
3. Proposal No. 2 set out in the letter of 8<sup>th</sup> February 2011 from J P Byrne Consulting Engineers (Section 5(2) Reply, 09/02/2012) proposes a "semi-continuous" disposal and capping operation and suggests that no contaminated material would be exposed to wave and current action for more than 2 weeks.
4. I am of the view that, provided the applicant can demonstrate to the Agency e.g. by way of a detailed method statement that this proposal is technically feasible using the plant and equipment as proposed, this proposal represents a practical and reasonable approach and one which is not likely to result in significant adverse impacts on the marine environment or other legitimate users / uses of the area.

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**Cc:** Tara Higgins; Eve O'Sullivan  
**Subject:** DUMPING AT SEA APPLICATION REF. S0002-01

Dear Advisory Committee Members,

Re: Amendment Application from Wicklow County Council (previously Arklow Harbour Commissioners), Permit Reg. No. S0002-01.

Please be aware that Further Information has been received by the Agency relating to the above application, in response to a Section 5(2) notice issued by the Agency on 02/02/12.

To view the Further Information, please click on the link below and then **View Applicant Documents**. (Section 5(2) Reply, 09/02/2012)

Wicklow County Council

**The Agency will have regard to any submission/observation you wish to make in relation to this amendment application. Submissions/observations should be sent to the undersigned in writing or by e-mail as soon as possible.**

You can also set up an RSS Feed to this application - you will then be notified by an e-mail alert every time new information is uploaded to this application on our website.

If you are having any difficulty in accessing this information through the link, please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely

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