

Maire Buckley

Subject: FW: Pollution of the environment from Castlemartyr Waste water treatment plant
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From: David Burke [<mailto:burkesat37@gmail.com>]

Sent: 03 April 2013 11:25

To: John Feehan

Subject: Fwd: Pollution of the environment from Castlemartyr Waste water treatment plant

John,

can this complaint be included as a submission on the license application by Cork County Council for the waste water treatment plant at Castlemartyr?

Regards,

David Burke

Environmental Officer

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From: David Burke <burkesat37@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Apr 2, 2013 at 10:41 PM

Subject: Pollution of the environment from Castlemartyr Waste water treatment plant

To: environmental.complaints@corkcoco.ie

To whom it may concern,

I wish to make you aware of serious discharge of waste water in to the Mitchels Wood area in Castlemartyr. This is the location of the Cork County Council owned WWTP - operated by EPS. Effluent has been discharged in to the area of the treatment plant itself and the wooded area surrounding the treatment plant which is open to the public and a very popular walking amenity for locals.

This discharge has been ongoing over the week-end despite the fact that EPS (under contract from Cork Co Co) claim to visit the plant every day - including weekends. If the were true they could not possibly have neglected to notice the major pollution incident at the plant.

As of 7:55pm this evening there was a large quantity of waste water filling the drains and dykes surrounding the plant and discharge from a manhole was continuing despite the fact that Vincent Browne of EPS told me by telephone at 8pm his colleagues had visited the plant earlier and fixed a blocked pump. Photographs attached are from approximately 9:10am Tuesday morning.

This represents a serious environmental and public health hazard and once again illustrates the inability of EPS to properly maintain the plant.

I want Cork county council to detail the cause of the incident, the times Cork county council were made aware of the situation and who reported the problem. Please include the details of the first report from EPS to Cork County council to make them aware that there was a problem.

I also want to know what action(s) will be undertaken by Cork county council to clean up the area around Castlemartyr WWTP to make it safe for the public and wildlife.

A copy of this complaint will be sent to Coillte who are responsible for the wood, the EPA and Inland Fisheries Ireland due to undesirable discharge from Castlemartyr WWTP to the Kiltha river.

Yours,

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