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Inland Fisheries Ireland

EPA Headquarters
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RE: Waste Licence Application W0289-01

Dear Sir or Madam,

I refer to the above mentioned application.

IFI is the statutory body with responsibility for the protection and development of fisheries in our functional area which includes Cork Harbour. Cork Harbour in general and the waters in the immediate vicinity of Haulbowline Island are significant both as commercial and leisure fisheries. There are 33 main species harvested commercially in Cork Harbour by fishermen. While IFI welcomes the proposed remediation works we would propose the following precautionary measures to be appropriate.

- 1. Ongoing impact assessment of escapement from the tip on aquatic life. This should involve pre works, during construction and post construction sampling of fish and other aquatic life and testing for bio accumulation. Control populations from outside the Cork Harbour environs would be needed for comparison purposes.
- 2. Sampling and analysis of tidal muds and waters in the vicinity of the sites pre works, during construction and post construction
- 3. Control measures to be put in place during construction to prevent any escapement to waters from the site as a result of the works combined with a water monitoring programme during the construction phase.
- 4. An assessment of the impact of the construction phase on local usage of the fishery.

Should you require any clarification please contact the undersigned

Yours sincerely,

Michael McPartland Environmental Officer.