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Ealaíon, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta
 Department of
Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

Application Ref No: W0281-01

20 December 2013

EPA,
 Sonja Smith,
 Programme Officer,
 Office of Climate, Licensing and Resource Use.

Re: Notification to the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht under Article 28 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001

Development: Waste Licence application W0281-01 by Bord Gais Eireann at Limerick Gas Works Dock Road Limerick.

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On behalf of the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, I refer to the planning authority's notification in relation to the above.

Outlined below are the observations and recommendations of the Department in relation to nature conservation

Nature Conservation

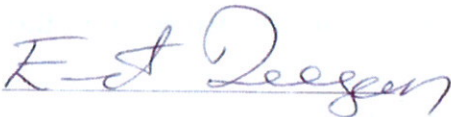
- 1) Due to the technical nature of this application and potential significant impacts on two European sites it should be forwarded to the Divisional Ecologist for comments also.
- 2) The EPA should note that the Planning Authority did not receive any comments from NPWS of this Department prior to making a decision on the planning application.
- 3) The potential of lowering of water quality in the River Shannon (Natura sites) is still of concern. The following issues *inter alia* have not been dealt with sufficiently in the Appropriate Assessment screening process:
 - a) The potential for any run off or leakage of hydrocarbons, chemicals or metals through surface water or ground water in to the River Shannon. This should include details of any water passage through the old sewer connections.
 - b) The potential for any contamination of the River Shannon through dust.
 - c) Is a full Appropriate Assessment required.

d) In combination effects with existing and proposed developments in the area.

The acknowledgement to this letter, any further information and/or the planning authority's decision should ideally be sent to manager.dau@ahg.gov.ie; if this is not possible, correspondence may alternatively be sent to:

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