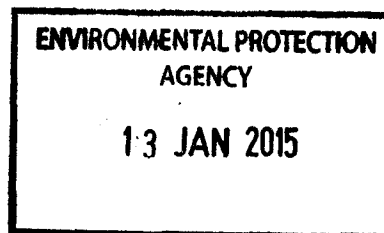




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12th January, 2015

**Re: IPPC Licence Review – Quinn Energy (Ballakelly) Limited, Toomes, Co. Louth
Reg No. P0863-02**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We refer to the above mentioned licence review application by Quinn Energy (Ballakelly) Limited, Toomes, Co. Louth.

We note in the most recent EPA monitoring data for the River Glyde (2012 results) that the river at Tallanstown has a Q value of 3-4 – moderate ecological condition. One of the objectives of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) is to restore degraded surface water to good status by 2015. For this reason it is vital that the discharge in question adheres to stringent limits. As there will be a relatively large volume of process waste water, even small increases of contaminants in the waste water could significantly impact on the River Glyde. For this reason, we would suggest that receiving water monitoring continues to be made up of both chemical and biological monitoring, as per the current licence (P0863-01). This should be capable of detecting any potential chronic effects of the facility on the aquatic habitat.

We note that there is no provision to monitor for any effects of sourcing the process water from Monalty Lough. As this lake contains particularly good stocks of coarse fish and is a valuable amenity area for the locality, a monitoring regime should be integral to the IPPC Licence.

The site is located on the River Glyde catchment. The catchment contains valuable fishery habitat supporting good stocks of salmonid and coarse fish. The river contains salmonid spawning and nursery habitat in the immediate vicinity of the discharge point with angling stretches upstream and downstream. It is important to ensure that the development will not have a negative impact on this valuable aquatic habitat.

Please inform IFI of your decision in due course.

Yours faithfully,

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