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22nd June 2015

Ms Liz Leacy,
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Environmental Protection Agency
Headquarters,
PO Box 3000,
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Re: Application for Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control License Review.

Class and Nature of Activity: 6.1

The rearing of poultry in installations where the capacity exceeds 40,000 places.

Applicant: Mr James McGuirk, Tetoppa, Dunraymond, Co. Monaghan

Location of Facility: Tetoppa, Dunraymond, Co. Monaghan

Ref. No: P0862-02

EHIS Ref: 0329

Dear Ms Leacy,

Please find enclosed the Health Service Executive consultation report in relation to the above application.

If you have any queries regarding the report, the initial contact is Ms. Claire O'Dwyer, Acting Principal Environmental Health Officer.

The following HSE departments were made aware of the consultation request for the above application on 25th May, 2015:

- Emergency Planning
- Estates
- Assistant National Director for Health Protection
- ISA Manager

The Environmental Health service response to the application is in the attached consultation report.

- The assessment is based on an assessment of documentation submitted to this office.
- A site visit was conducted on 8th June, 2015.
- Environmental Health was not included at the Screening / Scoping stage of this application.
- All commitments to future actions including mitigation and further testing have been taken as read and all data results have been accepted as accurate.
- No additional investigations / measurements were undertaken.
- This report refers only to those sections of the documents which are relevant to the HSE.

All correspondence or any queries with regard to this report including acknowledgement of this report should be forwarded to Ms. Claire O'Dwyer, Acting Principal Environmental Health Officer.

Yours sincerely,

Claire O'Dwyer

A/Principal Environmental Health Officer



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Dear Claire.

I refer to the recent submission of an application for an IPPC license review to the EPA for poultry production units from Mr James McGuirk, Tetoppa, Dunraymond, Co.Monaghan. The IPPCL application for these units was submitted to the EPA on the 25th March 2015 and is accompanied by an EIS. There are currently 3 fully operational poultry houses onsite.

The following are observations made whilst reviewing the said application, EIS and related documents in conjunction with EPA guidance documents and associated Legislation. Further observations were made during the site visit and discussions with Mr James McGuirk on the 8th June 2015.

The EIS was submitted in June 2008 to obtain Planning permission Ref; P08/0685. Followed by an Extention Ref; 13/9010 from Monaghan Co.Co. permission was granted for the demolition of one existing poultry house and for the development of two new additional poultry houses with ancillary structures and manure store on this existing site. Construction of one of the new houses had commenced at the time of the site visit. When this is completed an existing poultry will be demolished in order to build the second new house on its plot.

Section B.9 of the application states the review is required as the licensee proposes to increase bird numbers from 99,000 to 145,000. Section D.2 of the application states it is

associated with the loading of poultry manure once every 8-10 weeks for approximately 4 hours. This office has not received any odour complaints regarding this facility. At the time of the site visit odour levels appeared acceptable for this type of farming activity.

Noise

The site is located in a rural environment. B.A.T. specifies the standard noise emission limit values of 55 (daytime) and 45 (night time) dB(A) at any noise sensitive location. This office has not received any noise complaints regarding this facility. At the time of the site visit noise levels appeared acceptable for this type of farming activity.

Receptors

There are neighbouring dwelling houses within 400m of this site. The applicant stated he has not received any complaints regarding his development.

Pest Control

Pest control is carried out the applicant. Pest control records and measures of maintaining pest control were evident on the site.

Other

Visually the existing poultry houses do not dominate the local agricultural landscape. It is expected the proposed poultry houses will be landscaped as per the planning condition in order to maintain a low visual impact.

The impact on human beings is discussed in the EIS, in terms of visual, odour, noise and dust impacts, for the operational and construction phases.

It must be ensured that all mitigation measures for the construction and development phases are fully implemented.

In general this is a clean, well maintained site with good record keeping in place.

Yours faithfully,

Irene McCabe

Environmental Health Officer