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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

APPLICATION BY DUBLIN PORT COMPANY TO DUMP 10 MILLION TONS OF WASTE
DREDGED MATERIAL INTO DUBLIN BAY.
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- Deepening Dublin Port would mean more space required for bigger cargoes from much bigger ships thus and in time another push to reclaim more land.
- The water quality in the Bay would be negatively affected by the dumping of mud 24/7 for 6 Months a year for 6 years.
- The Dumpsite off the Bailey is dispersive. The materials dumped would spread all over Dublin Bay but exactly where no one knows.
- Some of the material planned for dumping is contaminated with dangerous heavy metals such as Mercury, Lead, Zinc and Arsenic.
- The Deepening of the Fairway into the Port would increase the wave height at Dollymount and Clontarf and would thus increase the level of flooding there.
- All life would be wiped out on the Fairway by dredging the sea floor and at the Dumpsite by barge loads of sand, silt and mud cascading down on top of it.
- Dublin Bay is a Special Conservation Area, is also a Natura 2000 site and is an UNESCO Biosphere. No interference with the Environment should occur there.
- Excess sand and silt in Dublin Bay ends up on and inside Bull Island. This dumping may cause the silting up of Sutton Creek and the Blue Lagoon blocking out the tide completely. This would destroy one of the largest winter feeding grounds in Europe for many species of native and migrant species of birds.

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