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From:
Sent: 30 August 2015 12:48
To: Wexford Receptionist
Subject: Dublin Port Company's plans for dumping in Dublin Bay

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have inadvertently sent an unfinished request for you to consider the DPC's plans to dump 10 tonnes of polluted silt in Dublin bay please use this copy instead.

Regards,

John Hailes,

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Environmental Protection Authority,
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c/o info@EPA.ie

Re: Dumping in Dublin Bay by Dublin Port Company

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to add my voice to the objections to dumping nearly 10 million tonnes of polluted silt in Dublin Bay inside the Beresford Bank which would set back the recovery of the bay after years of neglect. The new (well sort of new) Ringsend treatment plant has done a wonderful job of cleaning up the bay and most, if not all, of Dublin's beaches now carry a Blue Flag. Even now there are occasional lapses on top of which the Dublin Port Company intend 10 million tonnes of polluted river silt.

I know that the port needs to be kept up to date with modern sea going activity, Boats are getting bigger and not just the cruise liners but the container ships as well. Economy of scale, I suppose, and Dublin must be able to take these monster ships of be by passed. The simplest solution is to simply go out pass the Beresford Bank and dump there, a much larger area for the silt to be dispersed. About ten years ago the army dumped many tonnes of obsolete munitions in the Lambay Deep which is, to my knowledge, a foul fishing ground. 10 million tonnes of silt would be lost in that area. It would only take an extra hour or so on each trip by the dumping barges.

Another slightly more adventurous solution would be to take the silt inland using the IR railway which are still in the area. Tilting ore waggons could easily carry the load without difficulty or causing more pollution if a suitable dumping place could be found, but that's a big 'if'.

In my request I did not mention all the statistics mentioned in other letters I just ask you the consider the Dublin Port Company's request and apply some logic to it. Just dumping OUTSIDE the Beresford Bank would be a start.

Yours sincerely,

John Hailes,

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