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Curragh Sub-Aqua Club, Sandycove Ave. West, Sandycove, Co. Dublin.

22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2016

**Re: Permit Application S0024-01**

Environmental Protection Agency,  
PO Box 3000,  
Johnstown Castle Estate,  
Co. Wexford.

Dear Sir/Madam,

In my capacity as Chairman of the Curragh Sub Aqua Club, I wish to restate our strong objection to the Dumping Permit sought by Dublin Port Company (DPC) from the EPA. We have reviewed the follow up documentation provided to you by Dublin Port Company and if anything, we are more greatly perturbed by the plans of the DPC

We object on the basis that we believe our diving environment will be destroyed for many years to come should the proposed dumping be allowed to take place.

However, our objections extend to our concern for the environment and the wellbeing of all citizens living in the Dublin Bay area. We are keen observers of the water, the water quality and the life in Dublin Bay. We know from first hand experience how improved the water quality and extent of sea life in the area are since the opening of the sewerage works in Ringsend.

We have great knowledge of tides and weather and the calculations re: tide and tidal run simply do not add up for us. There is no chance of this material staying for any length at the dump site. While the larger pieces of material may stay put, the whole bay will be covered in particulate of unspecified provenance for months and years to come. This will slowly smother the bay, upset the ecosystem and start to kill the life that is only just recently recovering. The authors of the report have clearly no insight as to the effect of a south easterly gale blowing up Dublin Bay during the winter during which they bizarrely propose to dump..

As we stated in our previous submission, *“we are utterly perplexed as to how this dumping activity can even be considered adjacent to Ireland’s only designated UNESCO biosphere and several Special Areas of Conservation. There is potential for heavy metals and hydrogen sulphide forming part of the material dumped. The direct effect on water quality and sea life will be enormous and close to immediate while the wider effects on surrounding ecosystems will become apparent in time and when it is too late.”* How on earth can a) the DPC contemplate this dumping activity and b) can the EPA contemplate allowing it?



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There is no significant material change to the proposals of DPC. Our position has not changed one iota since our previous correspondence - it is impossible for us to contemplate this ludicrous and destructive plan and I urge you to reject the permit application.

Yours sincerely,

Niall Stapleton, Moniteur 4\*  
Chairman, Curragh SAC

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