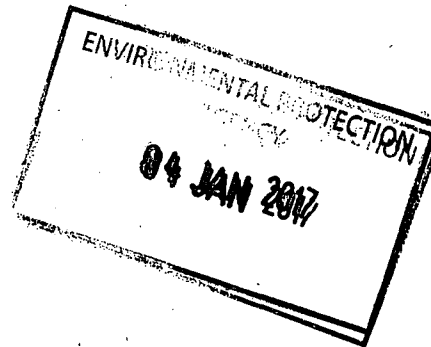




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**Our Ref:** FW/8/64

**Re:** Dumping at Sea application from Port of Cork Company in relation to Ringaskiddy.

Dear Noeleen,

Further to your letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> September regarding the above application, please find below observations from this Department.

Having reviewed the Impact Assessment the proposed works have the potential to adversely impact on a number of shellfish fisheries in the vicinity of the works. Of particular concern would be the shrimp fishery where the increase in suspended solids on the shrimp fishing grounds could result in displacement of the species making the stock unavailable to the fishery. Shrimp are not generally found or caught in areas of increased turbidity and the proposed works could easily have the effect of displacing shrimp from fishing grounds in the vicinity. There are also similar concerns with respect to the velvet crab and lobster fishery in the area, though not as great due to the different seasonality of the fisheries.

Yours sincerely,

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