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Noeleen,

Please see CDP's response to your consultation in red below.

Regards

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Tommy, Please see CDP response below with regards to the attached review.

Natura 2000 sites within 7.5km of the permitted facility include Moninea Bog SAC and Upper Lough Erne SAC/SPA.

The Department advises that ammonia background levels at Moninea Bog SAC/ASSI are currently exceeding the critical level for sensitive habitats ($1\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$). For Natura 2000 sites where the background levels of nitrogen are currently exceeding this value, the current approach of the Department is to allow that a small additional loading of 10% in-combination with all other plans and projects. It is advised that the current application is considered in-combination with other plans and projects that could affect this site. To assist with this the Department would highlight the following applications currently active within Northern Ireland that should be considered:

L/2009/0542/F - 65,000 birds – Process contribution 12% of the relevant critical level ($1\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ for habitats containing bryophyte species). This application was retrospective and no time limit was placed on the permission. As such the permission remains 'live' and operation could feasibly be undertaken. It should therefore form part of an in-combination assessment.

Only where it can be demonstrated beyond reasonable scientific doubt that there will be no adverse impacts on the integrity of any Natura 2000 site should a permit be issued. Any consideration should focus on the entire permitted facility rather than separation of individual permits.

If deemed necessary the Department would welcome the opportunity to provide assistance with regard to any Natura Impact Statement and any accompanying assessment under the Habitats Directive.

If you require any further information please contact Lee Jones on 02890 569812.

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