



### Submission

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### Application

Applicant:	Mr. John McCabe
Reg. No.:	P0956-02

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16<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

**Re: Industrial Emissions Licence Review – John McCabe  
Reg. No.: P0956-02**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We refer to the above mentioned IEL Review for a poultry rearing facility at Brandrum, Co. Monaghan.

Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) is a Statutory Body established on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010. Under section 7(1) of the Inland Fisheries Act 2010 (No. 10 of 2010) *the principal function of IFI is the protection, management and conservation of the inland fisheries resource.*

IFI has no objection to the application, from a fisheries perspective, provided that:

- The number of poultry housed shall not exceed that in the application.
- All effluent, soiled water and solid wastes shall be stored on site in adequately sized and sited watertight structures.
- All effluent to be disposed of by land spreading shall be carried out in accordance with the E.U. (Good Agricultural Practice for the Protection of Waters) Regulations 2014.

The EPA's Pollution Impact Potential Maps should be referred to in relation to landspreading locations for this facility. These maps indicate the risk of phosphorus entering surface waters from land. In high-moderate risk areas phosphate is more likely to flow overland to surface waters than being retained in the soil and subsoil. Therefore, it is vital that any land spreading carried out is strictly controlled and ideally should be carried out in low risk areas in order to protect surface waters.

- Only clean, uncontaminated storm water shall be discharged to a soak-away system or to surface water. We would recommend that monitoring of the surface water outfalls is carried out regularly; this should include physio-chemical monitoring and daily visual inspections.

The site is located in the Conawry River catchment, which is a sub-catchment of the Monaghan Blackwater River. The current Ecological Status of the waterbody at this location, Conawry (Lower)\_010, is Poor and At Risk of not achieving Good status. Both the Conawry Lower River and the Monaghan Blackwater River contains valuable fisheries habitat and supports stock of brown trout among other species.

Please notify us of your full decision in due course.

Yours faithfully,

Michaela Kirrane

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