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Applicant:	Anglo Beef Processors Ireland Unlimited Company
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See below for Submission details.

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01 June 2022.

To whom it concerns,

The obnoxious smell emanating from a rendering plant is quite distinguishable and unique. Citizens of Waterford City have been subjected to such a frequent smell in the past, leaving an indelible and unmistakable impact on the senses. An operating Thermal Oxidising Plant [TOP] renders the emissions from a rendering plant benign to the sense of smell. However, when the TOP is stopped, malfunctioning or by-passed in an operating rendering plant, the obnoxious odours impact the immediate surrounds significantly. In calm weather, the heavy emissions linger and do not disperse for some time. In windy weather, the emissions are carried on the wind and all those downwind suffer the consequences.

The familiar and foul smell of a rendering plant airborne discharge was detected by me and my party as we left the Tower Hotel, Waterford City in the early hours of May 8th 2022. This is not the first time this smell was detected by me in the city this year. The smell was detectible in the early hours of a calm March morning also as far away as Supervalu Supermarket on the Tramore Road.

I request that the EPA adhere to its obligation and its *raison d'être* to protect our environment as so much depends on a clean and healthy environment – quality of life, health, economic well-being, tourism, etc. How can we expect to maintain the title of “Best Place to Live in Ireland” if we cannot depend on our EPA to live up to its name and ensure all commercial and industrial activity abide by our environmental laws, especially for such plants located close to Waterford City’s large metropolitan area.

Please advise and provide a log of all non-compliances of the thermal oxidiser plant at ABP Christendom, Ferrybank in the last 12 months.

Please advise if Odour Standard 1.5 OUE/m³ is fit for purpose.

Please advise if the ABP fuel log for the TOP coincides with the hours of operation of the rendering plant, as demonstrated by the oil/gas record log book.

Please install a constant air monitoring station at a suitable close location to detect any plume infringement.

Please adopt and apply deterrent measures commensurate with the offense as determined by Contingent Valuation methodology on the economic value of environmental degradation, sufficient to deter any license transgression.

Please do not reveal my name or contact details as I’ve learnt of intimidating tactics employed when such complaints were submitted to the EPA in the past.

With kind regards,

Waterford Councillor.