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From: Síle Ginnane [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday 22 December 2023 16:41
To: Licensing Staff <licensing@epa.ie>
Subject: Fwd: FW: AUGHINISH ALUMINA : application for Dumping at Sea permit

Dear Sir / Madam

ATTENTION: Environmental Licensing Programme, Office of Climate Change Licensing and Resource Use

Please see the notice in the Weekly Observer as submitted by Ken Fitzgerald for Malachy Walsh and Partners for an on behalf of Aughinish Alumina Ltd., Aughinish, Askeaton, Co. Limerick

On this notice it is clearly stated that it is dated Friday...23rd day of November 2023 and that any submissions should be done in writing within 1 month of the publishing of this notice. This would mean that the deadline of submission would be today, Friday 22nd of December.

However on logging in to make an online submission for the following application (EPA Reg Number: S0026-02) <https://epawebapp.epa.ie/terminalfour/DaS/DaS-view.jsp?regno=S0026-02>

We do not have the option to make an online submission - the option does not seem to be available online to use.

An Taisce Limerick would like to make the following observation in respect of the granting of this permit for the proposed project.

Given its location, there is a need to ensure that the proposed works are future-proofed and that assessments are undertaken to establish whether there are any additional safeguards necessary for the dredging and dumping at sea to withstand the increased frequency and severity of weather events due to global warming.

Síle Ginnane, Chair, An Taisce Limerick

AUGHINISH ALUMINA LIMITED PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR DUMPING AT SEA PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that Aughinish Alumina Limited has submitted an application to the Environmental Protection Agency for a permit under Section 5 of the Dumping at Sea Acts 1996 as amended. The application is for the loading and dumping of dredged material arising from maintenance dredging adjacent to the marine jetty at the Aughinish Alumina Facility at Aughinish Island, Askeaton, Co Limerick. This application relates to disposal of a maximum of 668,454 tonnes of dredged material over an 8-year period, with a maximum of 83,556 tonnes per annum. The character and composition of the material being dredged is a mixture of slightly gravelly muddy sands or gravelly muddy sands and this varies in each area. The material will be dredged from four areas adjacent to the jetty. The dredging is for the purposes of maintenance of the design and operational depths within the berths, approach channel and manoeuvring area at the jetty. The dredged material will be dumped within

the ploughed areas adjacent to the jetty and also at a dump site within the granted SFPC Dumpsite (EPA Nr. S0009-03) in the Shannon Estuary, due north-west of Foyne's Island.

Maintenance dredging will be carried out using a number of technologies including Trailing Suction Hopper Dredger, Plough Dredger and Long Reach excavator on a barge. The type of dredging technology used will vary from location to location. Dredging will take place twice a year and within two 21-day periods. Maintenance Dredging will commence in 2025; subject to consent, and will be undertaken intermittently over the next 8 years as and when required.

The Discovery series OS map below shows the location of the existing jetty at Aughinish Island along with the locations of dredging and dumping at sea will take place. The location of the proposed dumpsite is 1km due west of Battery Point on Foyne's Island, Co Limerick.



The documentation submitted with the application is available to view on the Environmental Protection Agency website at www.epa.ie. In addition, copies of the documentation can be obtained from the offices of the agency upon request.

Any person wishing to make a submission or submit observations in respect of the granting of a permit for the proposed project should do so in writing within 1 month of the publishing of this notice. Persons making a submission, or submitting observations, in respect of this project are advised that their comments will be forwarded to the applicant for comment and will be published on the Agency's website www.epa.ie. Submissions or observations should be sent to the following address:

**Environmental Licensing Programme
Office of Climate Change Licensing and Resource Use
Environmental Protection Agency, PO Box 3000
Johnstown Castle Estate, Co Wexford**

Dated Friday ...23rd day of November 2023

**Ken Fitzgerald, Malachy Walsh and Partners
For and on behalf of Aughinish Alumina Ltd, Aughinish, Askeaton, Co Limerick**