

### Submission

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### Application

Applicant:	Mr. Niall Mc Kenna
Reg. No.:	P1220-01

See below for Submission details.

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Inland Fisheries Ireland**

Environmental Protection Agency,  
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19<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

**Re: IE/IPC Licence Review: Niall McKenna  
Reg No: P1220-01**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We refer to the above mentioned application for a licence review for a poultry rearing installation at Drumlester, Emyvale, Co. Monaghan.

Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) is a statutory agency responsible for inland fisheries in Ireland. 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.*

The site is located close to a tributary of the Ulster Blackwater River. These watercourses contain valuable fisheries habitats and supports stocks of brown trout and European eel among other species. The WFD Ecological status of this waterbody, Lisvargy\_010, is Moderate.

We note that all poultry manure from the proposed development is to be collected by a licensed contractor and soiled water is to be land-spread on the applicant's lands.

IFI recommends the following regarding this application:

- 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.
- Buildings shall comply with Department of Agriculture standards and regulations.
- All effluent and wash water to be disposed of by landspreading shall be carried out in accordance with the Department of Agriculture's booklet Good Farming Practice.

The EPA's Pollution Impact Potential Maps should be referred to in relation to landspreading locations associated with 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 from the site.
- A log of daily visual inspections of the surface water discharge points should be maintained on site. This is particularly important during the wash down period of the operation.

Please keep us informed of progress with this application.

Yours faithfully

Michaela Kirrane,  
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