

MEMO

TO: Board of Directors **FROM:** Brian Donlon
CC: **DATE:** 16 November, 2004
SUBJECT : North Kerry Technical Committee Report on Objection to Proposed Decision - Reg. No. 1-2

Application details

Event	Issue Date(s)	Reminder(s)	Response Date(s)
Proposed decision	31/8/00		
Objections received			27/9/00

Inspector: Tadhg O'Mahony

Objections received

Objection by Applicant One
(Kerry County Council)
Objection by third party/parties None

A Technical Committee was established to consider the objections.

The Technical Committee included;

Brian Donlon, Chairperson
Maeve McHugh, Inspector
Brendan Foley, Inspector

This is the Technical Committee's report on the objection.

Ground 1.

Kerry County Council object to Condition 5.3 of the PD which states that the public shall be restricted to the Civic Waste Facility. They state that the present layout of the Civic amenity area is not suitable for members of the public carrying "once-off large volumes".

Technical Committee's evaluation

The Technical Committee consider that acceptance of once-off large volumes of waste from members of the public should not be restricted to the Civic Waste facility if that area is not suitable for receiving such waste. However, the only such loads which can be envisaged are those comprising Construction and Demolition waste. The TC considers

that routine public access to the active landfill cell site should not be permitted. The following amendment to Condition 5.3 is recommended

Recommendation

Amend Condition 5.3:
“Access to the facility by members of the public shall be restricted to the Civic Waste Facility except in cases where loads comprise once-off large volumes consisting mainly of construction and demolition waste.”

Ground 2.

Kerry County Council object to Condition 5.17 of the PD, which allows acceptance of biodegradable waste at the facility as this should be directed to the composting slab. They further state that this is at variance with Condition 5.5 of the existing licence for the facility (Reg. No. 1-1) which prohibits “putrescible waste” at the recycling facilities.

Technical Committee’s evaluation

The TC agree that all loads destined for composting should be directed to the composting area. References to biodegradable wastes for composting in this condition should be removed as the licensee clearly does not wish to accept this waste type at the Civic Waste Facility.

Recommendation

Remove the following text:

Condition 5.17.1: “Biodegradable waste for composting”

Condition 5.17.2: “Biodegradable waste destined for composting”

Remove Condition 5.17.4

Ground 3: (Condition 4.14.1)

Kerry County Council state that it is imperative from a pragmatic viewpoint to be allowed to maintain a bunded tank adjacent to the tip head as has been the practice to date.

Technical Committee’s evaluation

The TC consider that the storage of fuel as has been the practice to date can be catered for in this condition. However, any relocation of mobile fuel storage plant to different cells or the storage of fuels in mobile tanks by contractors should be controlled under the licence.

Recommendation

No Change.

Ground 4: (Condition 4.21.1)

Kerry County Council state that the requirement to place a 0.5m layer of drainage stone upon a smooth liner in sloped areas is impractical and will be conducive to slippage given that there will be a 1.0 m surcharge placed on it by topsoil-subsoil.

Technical Committee's evaluation

The type of cap specified in this condition is considered best practice. However, the wording “unless otherwise agreed” will allow for minor modifications proposed by the licensee to provide alternative drainage arrangements in sloped areas.

Recommendation

No Change.

Ground 5 (Condition 4.21.3)

Kerry County Council object to the capping requirement in this PD as the format for capping was agreed in advance with the Agency.

Technical Committee's evaluation

The TC consider that it was not the intention of this condition to further cap areas that had been previously capped. The Condition should be reworded to clarify this matter.

Recommendation

<i>Amend Condition 4.21.3</i>

All future filled cells shall be permanently capped in accordance with condition 4.21.1 within twelve months of the cells having been filled to the required level. Previously filled uncapped cells shall be permanently capped in accordance with Condition 4.21.1 within twelve months of the date of grant of this licence unless otherwise agreed by the Agency.
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Ground 6 (Condition 9.7)

Kerry County Council object to the inclusion of the requirement for continuous TOC monitoring of the surface water/groundwater retention pond and suggest that a dissolved oxygen meter would suffice.

Technical Committee's evaluation

The TC consider that the monitoring of surface water/groundwater retention pond by inclusion of a continuous TOC meter is best practice and that it's replacement by a dissolved oxygen meter would not be sufficient.

Recommendation

No Change.

Ground 7 (Schedule E.7)

Kerry County Council object to the inclusion of the requirement for daily monitoring of the compost for moisture content and suggest that weekly monitoring be carried out.

Technical Committee's evaluation

The TC consider that daily monitoring of moisture content is too onerous for the composting being carried out and suggest that this requirement be reduced to weekly monitoring. The TC also note that the monitoring frequency may be altered with the agreement of the Agency (in accordance with Condition 9.14) such as in the composting maturation phase and therefore recommend the deletion of Note 1 of the Table which allowed the frequency to be amended and which repeats the provisions of Condition 9.14..

Recommendation

Amend Table E.7.1 Monitoring of Composting Process.

Parameter	Monitoring Frequency	Analysis Method/Technique
Moisture Content	Weekly	Standard
Temperature (min/max.)	Daily	Standard
Oxygen	Daily	Standard

Signed: _____
Brian Donlon
Technical Committee Chairperson