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WASTE LICENCE APPLICATION
PROPOSED DECISION

Waste Licence

Register Number:

138-1

Applicant:

Castle Contracts (Ireland) Limited

Location of Facility:

'Russborough Landfill', Russborough,
Blessington, Co. Wicklow

Proposed Decision

On the basis of the information available to it, the Agency, pursuant to its powers under Section 40(1) of the Waste Management Act, 1996, proposes to refuse to grant a waste licence to Castle Contracts (Ireland) Ltd to carry on the waste activities that are the subject of waste licence application register number 138-1 at 'Russborough Landfill', Russborough, Blessington, Co. Wicklow.

In reaching this decision the Agency has considered the application and supporting documentation received from the applicant, all submissions received from other parties and the report of its inspector.

Activities Refused

Refused waste disposal activities, in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Waste Management Act, 1996

Class 1	Deposit on, in or under land (including landfill)
Class 5	Specially engineered landfill, including placement into lined discrete cells which are capped and isolated from one another and the environment

Refused waste recovery activities, in accordance with the Fourth Schedule of the Waste Management Act 1996

Class 4	Recycling or reclamation of other inorganic materials
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Reasons for the proposed decision:

1. The Agency considers that the proposal to landfill inert waste at the specified facility would cause environmental pollution as it will interfere with the countryside or places of special interest and in particular would adversely affect the Dúchas designated pNHA No. 731 and SPA No. 063.
2. The facility will pose an unacceptable risk of environmental pollution to groundwater and the Poulaphuca Reservoir. There is insufficient information in the application to satisfy the Agency that environmental pollution of groundwater and the Poulaphuca Reservoir will not be caused by leachate arising at the landfill.
3. The Agency considers that the proposed landfill does not meet the requirements of the EU Landfill Directive (1999/31/EC) with regard to:
 - a) the characterisation of waste by:
 - (i) Basic characterisation

- (ii) Compliance testing and
- (iii) On-site verification

and that the waste types to be accepted at the facility do not satisfy the requirements of Article 2(e) of the Directive.

- 4. The Agency is not satisfied that the best available technologies are proposed for this activity.

Signed on behalf of the said Agency
on the 3rd day of May, 2002

Breda Sheehan, **Authorised Person**