

Wicklow County Council were unable to meet the deadline and the period of submission of the requested information was extended to 7/03/02. Unless we proceed and issue a decision immediately we will have to provide a further extension.

An Article 27 notice was issued by the Agency on 27 September 2001. The Article 27 letter (copy attached) requested three items of information – A, B, & C. To date information on items A (assessment of the quality of the Rampere Stream) and B (assessment of any surface water emissions from the existing landfill on the quality of the Rampere Stream) have been received from Wicklow Co. Co. (refer to their reply dated 20/12/01). The Agency has not received any information in relation to Item C - the request was to provide an assessment of any surface and groundwater emissions from the historical landfill on the quality of the Rampere Stream.

The Technical Committee recommends that the EPA issue a decision in the absence of information on surface and groundwater emissions from the historical landfill (Item C). Wicklow Co Co. were contacted on 25/02/02 to obtain the outstanding information; they responded verbally on 26/02/02 that the information is still with their consultants and it awaits internal Wicklow Co. Co. review before submission to the Agency. The information received to date has been assessed below and relates to the area of land outlined in red on Drawing No. RAM-LF-003-RevA, received 23/12/98 (attached).

Assessment of Information received on 21/12/01

Item A:

Biological assessments carried out in August 2000 indicate that the Rampere Stream is moderately polluted (Q3) both upstream and downstream of the existing landfill.

Item B:

Chemical (March 2000 – August 2001), and electroconductivity/temperature (June 2001) surveys were submitted in response to the information requested in Item B. All results apparently indicate no pollution from leachate infiltration or runoff into the Rampere Stream from the landfill.

Erratum

The date specified with reference to the site location map in Condition 1.2 of the Proposed Decision should be amended to read 23/12/98 and not 23/12/99.

Signed:

Mr G Carty
Technical Committee Chairperson