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Dear Ms Ahern,

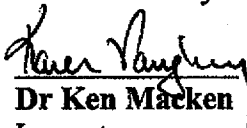
Further to your submission of 06/09/02, received on 10/09/02 regarding Indaver Ireland Ltd. and their proposal to build an incinerator near Duleek, I reply as follows:

Indaver Ireland Ltd. lodged an Application for a Licence under the Waste Management Act 1996 with the Agency on 05/12/01. This application is for incineration plant (moving grate incinerator for non-hazardous waste) and associated facilities at Carranstown, Co. Meath and is currently being processed. It may be inspected at the Agency's offices in Johnstown Castle, Wexford and also in Richview, Dublin. In addition a copy should also be available for inspection in the offices of Meath Co. Co.

The Agency has been informed about a dioxin release in breach of licensed limits from an Indaver facility in Antwerp, Belgium. This was from a very different type of unit to that proposed for Ireland (from a static kiln disposing of chlorinated wastes) and followed installation of modifications to the burner. I understand that once the exceedence was reported the kiln was switched off. Following the release, the Belgian Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain (FAVV) took samples of milk and vegetables on farmland downwind of the emission. A press release on 30/08/02 from the FAVV (www.favv.fgov.be) reported that analysis of these samples for dioxins did not show any cause for concern. No additional precautions (other than the normal washing of vegetables) were recommended.

The standards to be applied to the proposed Carranstown facility will be contained in a licence if the Agency decides to grant one. A Proposed Decision, which is open to objection for a period of four weeks by both the applicant and third parties, is issued prior to any final decision.

Yours sincerely


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