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Re: Inadaver Ireland waste licence application Reg. 167-1

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

I refer to your letter dated 10th January 2005, to the Director General, in relation to the oral hearing of objections to the proposed decision in the case of the above referenced waste licence application. Your letter has been forwarded to me for direct reply having regard to the licensing provisions of the Waste Management Acts 1996 to 2003.

As you are aware the stage has been reached in this application where the Agency has decided to conduct an oral hearing to the objections and that this hearing is to take place in the coming weeks.

I am sure you will appreciate that, as we are in the middle of a regulatory process, it would be inappropriate for the Agency to make any comment in this case until a final decision has been made. The closing date for objections in this case has passed and the Agency can only consider objections to the proposed decision at this time.

The oral hearing is into the objections raised to the proposed decision and it is a matter for any objector present at the hearing to bring forward such expert witness, as they consider necessary to give evidence on their behalf. It is not an option or matter for the Agency to provide such witnesses or experts at such a hearing. The manner in which the hearing is to be conducted is at the discretion of the chairperson in accordance with the legislation.

I trust that this explains the situation to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely

Paddy Nolan
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Please copy to both Indance files (as original letter refers to both). The pp copy should go on Reg 1674 office file as contains draft letter approved by Mary Kelly

Thanks from 3/2/05

P.S. 1 copied to JB & MOC for info, as requested by PN