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**Re: Review of Waste Licence 53/3 for Greenstar, Fassaroo, Co. Wicklow.
Condition 3.16.1.1 and Condition 5.4.1.**

Dear Ms. Hermonson,

We submitted certain observations and complaints to the E.P.A on 17.1.05 regarding the above licence review. With regard to the above Conditions pertaining to the installation of a biowaste facility, we had major reservations regarding the potential problems of noise and odours.

Throughout yesterday 16/6/05 a foul slurry-like smell came in waves from the facility. It was a warm day and the prevailing southwesterly wind carried the odour directly towards us. Not alone did this make working/relaxing in our garden a sickening experience, but it also spread right through our house. Our neighbours obviously had a similar experience. On contacting the facility for a second time yesterday evening, I was told that this was from the shredding of partly decomposed green material and I was assured that if the odour continued, the shredding would not proceed and the material would be transferred from the facility to be processed elsewhere. This shredding was being done at the very rear of the facility - where the proposed biowaste will be situated.

We feel that this is a sample of the kind of problem that will ensue for ourselves and our neighbours if all processing in the proposed biowaste facility is not done **TOTALLY** under cover until the organic matter has fully decomposed. As we stated in our original submission "we feel it is absolutely essential that the composting tunnels should be contained **within** the tipping building from the very start"- not outside as proposed by Greenstar. In the Waterford City Council composting facility that we visited last year, the shredding of green material was all done **in** the tipping building - we assume this requirement stands for the Fassaroo proposal also.

One final point- in every submission that we have made to the EPA over the past eight years we have pointed out that noise and odours both rise and are carried by the prevailing wind. Monitoring the lowlying northern boundaries of this facility for noise and odours is useless. We invite your inspectors on their routine checks to do their monitoring from the higher points where we and our neighbours live.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Noreen Keane.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Noreen Keane".