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Dear Mr. Noonan

I am to refer to your letter dated 16th January 2006, addressed to Dr. Mary Kelly Director General, in relation to the Indaver waste licence applications (Reg. Nos. 167-1 and 186-1) for proposed facilities to be located at Ringaskiddy Co. Cork and Duleek, Co. Meath respectively. Your letter has been referred to me for direct reply.

With regard to the EPA visit to the incineration plants in Belgium I can confirm that the visit took place and the Agency personnel involved were Dr. Ken Macken (Manager), Mr. Kieran O'Brien (Senior Scientific Officer), Ms. Marie O'Connor (Senior Scientific Officer), Dr. Brian Donlon (Senior Scientific Officer) and Mr. Peter Carey (Inspector 1).

The positions held by each at time of visit is as indicated above. Mr. Carey has since left the Agency.

The visit was organised and paid for by the Agency. The purpose of the visit was to see at first hand some of the technologies that were in use at that time having regard to the statutory requirements with regard to the provisions of Sections 5 and 52 of the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992. As you are aware the licensing function of the Agency covers all those activities listed in the Third and Fourth Schedule to the Waste Management Acts and First Schedule to the Environmental Protection Agency Acts.

The visit took place on 13th May and 14th may 2002. While the visit included a tour of the facilities at Antwerp and Beveren it should also be noted that it also included a visit to the office of the licensing authority in Antwerp.

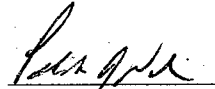
Having made inquiries with the personnel involved as a result of your letter I attach the documentation received in the context of the visit. I should point out that some of this information was submitted as part of the documentation associated with the application for the facility at Duleek (167-1), which I have reproduced for ease of reference.

The licence application files that are open for inspection to the public contains all the information taken into account by the Board of the Agency in reaching its decision.

With regard to the report in the Irish Times dated 16th January to which you refer I wish to advise that this issue was specifically mentioned in recommendation No. 9 of The National Waste Database Report for 2001 published by the Agency in 2003 which is self-explanatory.

I hope this clarifies matters for you.

Yours sincerely



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