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Re: National Waste Report, Fact Sheet Series – Compost Facilities 2005 (EPA)
Assessment of Objections to Proposed Decision to grant a Waste Licence to
Neiphin Trading Limited for an integrated waste facility at Kerdiffstown,
Naas, County Kildare (Licence Register Number W0047-02).

Dear Sir/Madam

I refer to your letter dated 1 September 2006 regarding the above, and in particular, to the specific queries raised in your letter, namely:

1. The sources for the information presented in the relevant fact sheet;

The source of information for this factsheet was gathered from several sources including the Cre website (Compost Association of Ireland), local authorities, EPA licences and through discussions with composting operators. The tables were intended as a snapshot of the composting infrastructure in Ireland based on best available information.

2. That no decision has yet been made on the objections to the proposed decision (licence register number W0047-02);

As per our website, no final decision has been made on waste licence application W0047-02. The Agency is currently assessing all objections received and a decision is due by 29 September 2006. The Agency, under the Waste Management Acts 1996 to 2005, may extend this date if further time is required to fully consider the objections received.

Details of final decisions and all associated documents appear on the Agency's website the day after a decision has issued to all relevant parties.

3. That the descriptions in Table 3 of the fact sheet are inaccurate and will be withdrawn from the public domain; and,

The 'Licensed' in Table 3 refers to the actual facility licence (W0047-01) not the compost facility. The factsheet has been taken down off the Agency's website and is being amended.

4. That no person involved in the preparation and approval of the fact sheet has had any role in the assessment of the application for a revised licence at this facility.

The National Waste Report, Fact Sheet Series – Compost Facilites 2005 was compiled by staff in the Environmental Planning & Guidance Unit. Staff in the Agency's Licensing Unit assessed the application for a revised licence, and are assessing the objections received to the Proposed Decision.

Composting of 65,000 tonnes per annum can only commence if a review of waste licence W0047-01 is granted by the Agency.

Yours sincerely

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