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Re bidegradable waste facility at Kyletelisha

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Mr. Brian Higgins, EPA, Johnstown Castle, Wexford 12 September 2006

Re: Construction of a biodegradable waste treatment facility at Kyletelisha Landfill, Co. Laois

Dear Ms. Greene,

Regarding the above proposal, submitted by AES, I wish to raise the following issues on behalf of Mountmellick Environment Group:

The proposed facility seems to:

- provide a solution to converting biodegradable waste into usable compost
- answer the need to divert waste from the andfill

BUT

Insufficient information has been provided to the public:

- on how the facility actually works and the processes involved
- the real impact to the environment noise, odour, vehicular movement, traffic in and out etc.
- the impact on the present landfill (will it replace it eventually?)

ALSO

As it not being constructed under the auspice of Laois County Council, there is a realistic fear that the amount of waste transported to Kyletelisha will, in fact, triplicate (i.e. the existing 48,000 tonnes to the landfill plus the proposed additional 99,000 tonnes to the new facility).

THEREFORE

As there are no answers to the above, we have serious concerns about the construction of this facility at Kyletelisha. We believe that this is not an appropriate location. The residents in this area are already contending with the present landfill / recycling traffic, odours and ensuing consequences, not least of which is the nature and condition of the roads.

We do hope that you will give our concerns serious consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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