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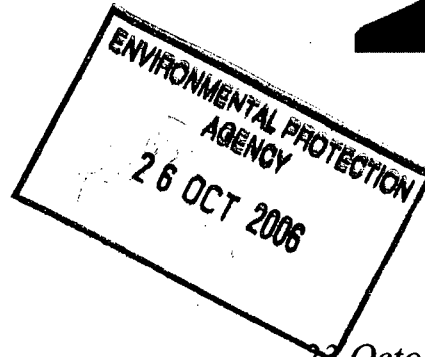
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Submission 4



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Brian Higgins  
The Environment Protection Agency  
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Dear Brian,

I wish to object to waste licence application reference number 194-02 which forms part of the review of the current waste licence number: 194-01 by AES (Ireland) Limited for a bio-degradable waste facility at Kyletalisha & Kyleclonhobert, Portlaoise, Co. Laois. This application was lodged on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2006 and since then a large number of people have objected to this facility locally.

I believe this should not be granted as it is not in accordance with the Midland Waste Management Plan. This plan says that waste from the region should be treated within the region. There is no commitment from AES to only bring waste from within the Midland Region to this facility. In fact it is clear from the volumes proposed that they will be bringing waste from outside the region. AES is a national commercial organisation who are not interested in local or regional waste management plans. This facility will involve waste tourism into Co. Laois.

You will also be aware that Co. Laois one of the lowest populations of any of the Counties in the area so clearly the vast majority of this waste will not be generated locally. It is wrong that Laois should be used as a waste facility for a large proportion of the Country in view of the fact that so little of it is produced locally. It should be in accordance with government policy that such a facility should be located closer to where the waste is generated.

Also the documentation presented with this application does not adequately deal with the waste residue. They talk about 60,000 tonnes coming in but they do not give clear details of how much will be transported out, how much will be used for compost, how much will go to landfill and in particular how much will decompose in the area resulting in the release of odours etc. into the air.

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*AES state that they will have a very high specification building and no odours will be released. It is hard to accept this. In particular I am not aware of any such facility operating in Ireland and I do not believe we should be guinea pigs for these facilities. Also as part of this application there is no guarantee regarding the amount of hazardous waste and sewerage sludge that will be coming into this facility. How it will be treated is not adequately dealt with in the Environment Impact Statement.*

*Also this application did not examine alternative locations in the midland region and the EIS on page 21 basically said they have a facility in this area and it will be suitable to extend this facility. They should have examined each of the other counties in the region and given the pros. and cons. of each location but this was not done and according to the EIS is faulty.*

*Accordingly I am requesting that this application be rejected.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Sean Fleming*  
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