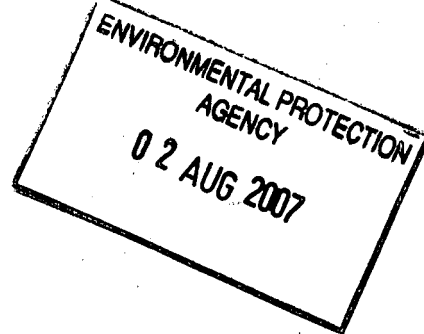


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Waste Licence Reg Number W0214-01

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OUR REF: Let 006 OEE WEX 27/07/07

Dear Sir/Mme.,

Our facility (waste transfer station EPA ref W0214-01) in Waterfall, Cork is currently licensed to intake 23,000 tonnes of waste per year as given in *Section A.2 Waste Acceptance, Table A.1 Waste Categories and Quantities*.

Following a relatively quiet start to the intake volumes earlier in the year, it has been noticed that the tonnages have significantly increased since April 2007 and have been steadily increasing since. We have noticed a particular increase in volume being directed from operators who would frequently use landfills at Youghal and Rossmore.

If this current rate of increase at the facility is to continue for the remainder of the year, it is likely that the facility will approach our licensed volume. With this in mind I would like to request your opinion and procedures on the requirements for the facility to request an increase in the licensed tonnages. There is no proposal to provide for intake of any other form of waste material not already included on the license.

For your information I have included the existing and proposed increase in waste tonnages we would request for the facility in the table below. It is proposed to increase the tonnages to 50,000 tonnes per annum.

Waste Type	Maximum Tonnes per year	
	Existing as licensed	Proposed
Household	12,880	28,000
Commercial	1,840	4,000
Construction & Demolition	7,514	16,335
Industrial non-Hazardous Solids	766	1,665
TOTAL	23,000	50,000

Note: Pro rata increase factor 2.17.

It is considered that the existing transfer station building floor area is sufficient to deal with the proposed increase in tonnages. The yard area is also satisfactory to incorporate any increase in tonnages. The facility has had no reported incidents of complaints from local properties since the commencement of licensed activities (Council Permits and EPA licence) and the facility is managed to the highest standards.

It is expected that any increase in tonnages will not result in any increase or changes in emissions from the facility as all waste is stored inside and there is a turnover time of less than 24 hours for household waste before it is removed off-site.

An increase in traffic volume from the current movements is expected to be the only impact. It is considered that the local road network is well capable of absorbing a maximum increase of 6 trucks per hour. It is expected that such an increase in traffic volume would not result for a number of years and only when the facility would reach the maximum proposed capacity of 50,000 tonnes per year.

I have attached a copy of a letter from our OEE inspector in the EPA Inniscarra offices, Ms. Siobhan McDonnell.

I look forward to hearing on your opinions on our proposal for increase in tonnages at the facility.

Yours sincerely,


Martin O' Donoghue, Facility manager

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