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For

Fingal Landfill Facility at Nevitt, Lusk,

Waste License Proposed Decision

Registration No. WO231-01

Balbriggan, March 2008

Statement of Evidence by Mrs. Perry Long

Witness to the Management of a Modern Engineered Landfill

PROBLEMS AT THE LANDFILL, BALLYDUFFBEG, INAGH, CO. CLARE.

1. SMELL.

Gas & Waste.

- History of non-compliances re odour from 31/05/2005 to date.
- Residents' complaints from mid-October 2002 to date.
- Numerous reminders from the EPA re Conditions 6.1 & 6.2.
- Inadequate daily/weekly cover on many occasions.....Condition 4.19.1
- Very bad evenings/ week-ends when the site is closed.

2. RUN OFF.

- History of non-compliance with Conditions 4.20.1; 4.20.2; 4.20.8; 4.20.9; 4.20.10 since 31/01/2002.
- Problems subject to mention by EU Environment Section in correspondence re Garrynagree site, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.
- Water sampling only on a monthly basis, even in very wet weather.

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3. BIRDS.

- Big increase in incidents of birds attacking and damaging silage bales. Clare Co. Council gave one farmer cover material to try and alleviate the problem.
- Farmers compelled to stay in fields while animals ate meal, nuts etc. due to increasing difficulties with birds.
- Very significant increase in corvid activity, both on and off-site.
- Bird control reports show increased bird activity on-site, particularly in active cell; "Persistent and difficult to clear."

4. NOISE.

- Extremely disruptive, especially during construction phases. Shift workers /small children unable to sleep.
- Trees and bunds/embankments of no use in alleviating the problem.

5. VISUAL IMPACT.

- In high visible proximity to many homes,.
- Trees/screening berms and embankments not adequate; trees did not grow properly and embankments too low.
- Set to worsen as facility develops.

Perry Long,

Local Resident,

Ballyduffbeg,

Inagh,

Co. Clare.