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Dear Mr Fallon

Further to your letter received by the Agency on the 22 September 2008 in which you identify that Monaghan County Council would be unable to submit licence applications for Clones, Castleblaney and Ballybay agglomerations by 22 September 2008.

The Agency acknowledges receipt of your letter, however the Agency must highlight that it has no discretion in relation to the prescribed dates specified in Schedule 2 of the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007. Article 5(1) of the Regulations state that *'A water services authority shall, within six months preceding the date prescribed in column (2) of Schedule 2 opposite the specified population equivalent of the agglomeration served by a waste water works or at least 6 months before the date on which a waste water works becomes operational, which ever is later, make an application to the Agency for a licence authorising the waste water discharges from those works'*. The prescribed date for licence applications for agglomerations with a population equivalent of 2,001 to 10,000 was 22 September 2008.

Yours sincerely

Patrick Byrne

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