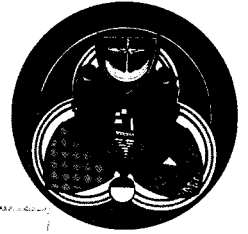


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Agency  
Irish Distillers Ltd.,  
Midleton

18 DEC 2008

15 DEC 2008

21<sup>st</sup> October 2008

## Re: Waste Water Discharge Licence Application – Midleton Agglomeration

Dear Aidan

I am writing to you in connection with Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007.

These Regulations stipulate that all Waste water discharges are to be licenced and the EPA is the competent authority charged with granting these licences. Each Local Authority has to apply to the EPA to grant them a licence to discharge treated effluent from an agglomeration back into the water.

Please note this licence applies to the final discharge location and not to the municipal treatment plant discharging at this point. It is for this reason that the application for the Midleton agglomeration is of concern to you. As the final discharge point for Midleton also includes waste from Irish Distillers then the terms of the Licence also applies to you.

An application for the Midleton agglomeration was submitted to the agency by the prescribed deadline of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2007. The fee for submitting this application was €30,000.00. The application is still under review and we have not had any feedback from the agency regarding our application.

All applications received by the EPA are available for viewing by the public on their website [www.epa.ie](http://www.epa.ie). You may also wish to send in a submission to the EPA with regard to this application.

Should you wish to see a hard copy of the licence they are available here at Co Hall for inspection.

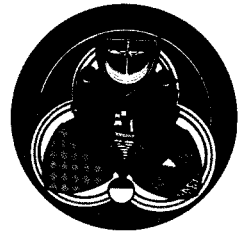
The licence granted at the end of the day will place limits on the quality of the discharge – similar to the Urban Wastewater Regulations but it covers many more parameters than these regulations. Based on those granted to date it also requires the Local Authority to closely monitor the discharge and report back to the Agency annually – similar to an IPPC licence.



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I have no idea at this stage what the actual terms of the licence will be and I write only to make you aware of its existence. The EPA have granted two licences at this stage one for Nenagh and one for Longford. These are also available for viewing on the website and I would urge you to do that so as to familiarise yourself with the process.

Should changes be required to your IPPC licence in order to comply with this Licence then once again we will have to request a technical amendment to do so.

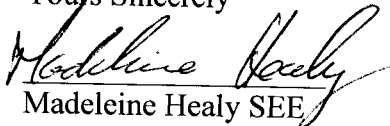
Finally from the brief examination that I have carried out to date there are ongoing financial costs incurred in order to comply with the Licence. Some of these I have outlined below

- An annual fee to the agency
- Engaging independent consultants to carry out an Environmental Risk Assessment
- Toxicity Testing
- Continuous monitoring and reporting

Cork County Council would expect Irish Distillers to contribute in part to these ongoing charges.

Should you wish to come in to view the licence application or if you have any further queries at this stage then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely



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