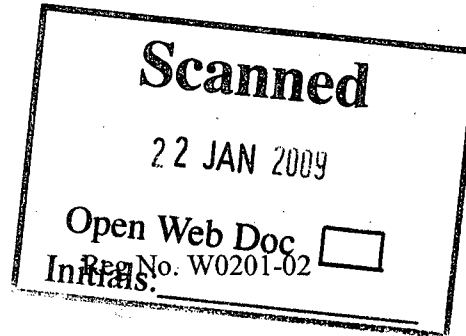




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re: Objection to the proposed decision of the Agency on a waste licence application by Bord na Mona Plc in respect of a facility at Drehid Waste Management Facility, in the townlands of Parsonstown, Loughnacush, Kilkeaskin, Drumond, Timahoe West, Coolcarrigan, Killinagh Lower and Killinagh Upper, Carbury, County Kildare

Dear Mr Grehan,

I refer to the above referenced waste licence application and in particular to a request for an oral hearing which was considered by the Board of the Agency at its meeting of 13/01/2009.

Under the Waste Management Acts, 1996 to 2008 the Agency has an absolute discretion to hold an oral hearing in relation to an objection. The Board of the Agency decided not to hold an oral hearing in this case.

In light of this decision the Board of the Agency wishes to assure you that the refusal of your request for an oral hearing does not mean that your objection will receive any less consideration than where a hearing is granted. They also wish to advise that the Technical Committee will deal with your objection in a professional and impartial manner.

The Technical Committee will prepare a report and recommendations having taken into account all the issues raised in your objection. The Board of the Agency will consider your objection together with the report and recommendations of the Technical Committee before making a final decision. This decision will be made as soon as possible and without undue delay. Once the final decision is made you will be notified at the earliest possible date.

The decisions of the Agency are based on objective and independent evaluation of all the issues raised by all parties to a licence application. The Agency is committed to openness, fairness and transparency in its decision making process and I can assure you that you will have access to all documentation in relation to this licence application including the report and recommendations of the technical committee and the final decision.

Please note that the register number assigned to this waste licence application is W0201-02. Please address all correspondence in relation to this matter to the *Licensing Unit, Office of Climate, Licensing & Resource Use, Environmental Protection Agency, P.O. Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate, Co. Wexford* quoting the register number.

Yours sincerely,

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