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Signed: Yvonne Furlong Dated: 20/04/2009

RESOURCE USE

Licensing Programme Memorandum

To:	Frank Clinton, Programme Manager
FROM:	Yvonne Furlong
DATE:	20 th April 2009
RE:	Request for a Technical Amendment to Licence Reg. No. W0115-01, held by Soltec (Ireland) Limited at Mullingar Business Park, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.

Soltec Ireland Ltd. recovers waste solvents by distillation. Two distillation plants are in use at the facility comprising three stills in total - two in the 'old' plant and one in the 'new' plant. Recovered distillate is packaged and sold as thinners and degreasing solvent.

Soltec Ireland Limited was first granted a waste licence by the Agency on the 21st of June 2001, Reg No. W0115-01. The licence has since been technically amended twice. The first (Technical Amendment A), in January 2006, was issued to implement additional control measures as specified in the IPPC Directive (96/61/EC). The second (Technical Amendment B), in September 2007, was issued to allow Soltec Ireland Limited accept waste cooking oil and store it in a bunded area at the facility, prior to use in biodiesel manufacture at an off-site plant.

The current licence limits the waste types, which can be accepted at the facility to organic solvents and waste cooking oil, with an acceptance limit of 5,000 tonnes per annum.

Soltec Ireland Limited contacted the Enforcement Inspector, from the Office of Environmental Enforcement, to request that acceptance of dry solid material, e.g. absorbent, filter material, wiping cloths, protective clothing, all contaminated with dangerous substances, be permitted for storage at the facility, prior to being sent on for use as a fuel in Belgium. With the agreement of the OEE Soltec Ireland Limited has been carrying on this activity on a pilot scheme since 2003.

Following the request for a technical amendment to the Environmental Licensing Programme, the OEE issued correspondence to the Licensing Programme stating that *'the change requested cannot be accommodated under the licence'*.

The activities permitted at the facility under the current licence include Class 13 of the Fourth Schedule to the Waste Management Act 1996 to 2005, namely: **Storage of waste intended for submission to any activity referred to in a preceding paragraph of this Schedule, other than temporary storage, pending collection, on the premises where such waste is produced.** However there is a limitation attached to Class 13 in the Soltec Ireland Limited Licence. This rider states that Class 13 'is

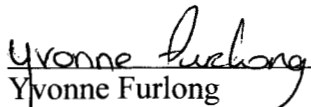
limited to the storage, pending recovery, of waste solvents and other wastes arising from the waste solvent distillation process'. The Enforcement Inspector for this site believes that 'given the note on Class 13, only materials associated with the distillation process on site can be handled'.

It is considered that the proposed alterations cannot be accommodated under the existing licence conditions, as the wastes proposed to be accepted are not associated with the distillation process on site.

Recommendation:

Regarding the request from Soltec Ireland Limited and the correspondence received from the OEE, I recommend that the requested Technical Amendment be refused and that the Agency write to the licensee informing him that the proposal as set out, requires a review of Waste Licence Reg No. W0115-01 under Section 46 of the Waste Management Acts 1996 to 2008. The licensee should be advised to seek such a review if it is intended to proceed with the proposed new activity.

Signed


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Inspector

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