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	LICENSING UNIT MEMORANDUM
TO:	Ms Laura Burke, Director
C.C:	Mr Frank Clinton, Programme Manager;
FROM:	Breen Higgins, Inspector
DATE:	06 May 2009
RE:	Technical Amendment to Licence Register Number W0201-02), held by Bord na Móna Plc, Main Street, Newbridge, County Kildare.

1. Introduction

The Agency first granted a waste licence to Bord na Móna Plc to operate a Waste Management Facility at Parsonstown, Loughnacush, Kilkeaskin, Drummond, Timahoe West, Coolcarrigan, Killinagh Lower & Killinagh Upper, County Kildare in August 2005. The company was issued a revised licence in April 2009. A request for a technical amendment to the Final Decision (FD) was received by the Agency on the 16th April 2009. The request addresses a number of issues each of which is considered in turn below.

2. Technical Amendment

Condition 8.1.2

The licensee has requested a technical amendment to amend Condition 8.1.2 of their licence:

The pre-treatment referred to in Condition 8.1.1 must include diversion or treatment of Biodegradable Municipal Waste (BMW) in line with any published EPA Guidance.

- (i) By 1st January 2010 a minimum of 50% of all BMW accepted at the facility shall be biologically pre-treated (including diversion).
- (ii) By 1st January 2013 a minimum of 70% of all BMW accepted at the facility shall be biologically pre-treated (including diversion).
- (iii) By 1st January 2016 a minimum of 90% of all BMW accepted at the facility shall be biologically pre-treated (including diversion).

The licensee has stated that this condition did not accurately reflect the wording for the condition decided at the 577th Board Meeting of the Agency held on the 24th of March 2009.

This Technical Amendment amends Condition 8.1.2 of the licence to reflect accurately the views of the Board and to delete the text carried over through clerical error.

The amended Condition 8.1.2 now reads: - 'The pre-treatment referred to in Condition 8.1.1 must include diversion or treatment of Biodegradable Municipal Waste (BMW) in line with any published EPA Guidance.'

Condition 1.5

The licensee requests an amendment to Condition 1.5 in order to facilitate operations during public holidays as this places an 'excessively harsh burden' on the operator. Given the nature and location of the facility it is not considered that this request poses any significant environmental issue. The facility currently operates on public holidays under licence without any impairment of the surrounding environment and therefore the Condition has been amended to read:

Waste Acceptance Hours and Hours of Operation

Waste may be accepted at the facility for disposal at the landfill only between the hours of 0800 and 1830 Monday to Saturday inclusive. The hours of operation are limited to between the hours of 0800 and 1900.

Schedule A.2.2

Table A.2.2 of the FD expresses the total volume of waste to be disposed of over the entire lifetime of the facility. The figure specified in Table A.2.2 is 4,080,000m³. However, Table 3.4.2 the EIS accompanying the review application indicated that the total tonnage would be of the order of 4,080,000 tonnes which equates to 5,040,000m³ of void space. It is considered that the figure of 4,080,000m³ specified in the FD was in fact intended to reflect the actual tonnage applied for. Therefore, in order to correct this anomaly Schedule A.2.2 has been amended to specify the appropriate volume in terms of void space as follows:

Total volume of waste permitted to be disposed in the landfill facility (over authorised life of facility)

5,040,000 m³

3. Recommendation

I recommend that the licence amendment be approved as set out in the attached Recommended Technical Amendment.

Signed:

Breen Higgins

Inspector

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