

Nevitt Lusk Action Group

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I as a resident facing the eviction of my family and neighbours (who also endure on a daily basis the stress of not knowing when a decision is to be made) wish to express our concern at the process we are being subjected to and the inadequacy of the data presented thus far on which to make a sound judgement,

In this regard I wish to refer to the substantive issues here.

All of us in this room have a moral obligation to leave this planet in the best condition possible for future generations, however from this side of the room it feels that had it not been for the hard work by our team this project would have preceded based upon a nod and a wink. It is time the culture changed and that decisions are based upon sound data appropriate to the needs to carry out a comprehensive cumulative assessment of this project. This basic criterion has not been met and the process has been allowed to fumble on without clear leadership from the reviewing authorities which I outline in the following points.

- November 16, 2006 EPA wrote to Fingal County Council and requested from them in accordance with Article 14(2)(b)(ii) of the Waste Management (Licensing) Regulations to carry out a Modflow numerical modelling study of the potential groundwater source to the east of the proposed site. This request which was obviously necessary from the EPA perspective to improve our body of Knowledge on which to make a sound decision. This request was not met by the applicant and the EPA on the 4th July 2007 in their letter to Fingal Co Co advise documentation now complies with Article 12 and (Article 13(1) of the Waste Management (Licensing) Regulations as and from 28th June 2007. In our opinion the request was not met and the continued absence of this information is fundamentally unacceptable and contradictory.
- On 17 October 2008 the EPA asked for Fingal Co CO to "Provide a probalistic quantitive risk assessment that evaluates the potential for leachate leakage/migration to groundwater below the proposed facility. The report submitted by Fingal Co Co on February 2009 substantially fails to answer the question and in fact RPS in another one of their Walter Mitty novels go off and present a risk assessment using unsound criteria on which to base a sound judgement. They were previously advised that Landsim was not appropriate for the conditions prevalent on this site yet they ignore the advice *waste taxpayers money and the publics time by presenting this Rubbish report.*
- As we don't know the scale of the water resources in the area, the scale or contents of the Illegal Dump within the site, we don't have a definitive clear picture of the underlying geology or hydrogeology and we do not have a comprehensive risk assessment of the cumulative risk to our underlying groundwater it is obvious that Fingal Co Co are attempting to gain permission without providing the necessary body of knowledge and our community is fed up with the bureaucracy taking place and call on the EPA to stand up to their moral responsibility and immediately refuse this flawed application and allow the people of Nevitt to return to a normal life.