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D0296-01

re: Notice in accordance with Regulation 18(3)(b) of the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007

Dear Mr Groarke

I am to refer to the above referenced application for a waste water discharge licence relating to agglomeration named Baltimore. Having examined the documentation submitted, I am to advise that the Agency is of the view that the documentation does not comply with Regulation 16 of the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007.

You are therefore requested, in accordance with Regulation 18(3)(b) of the regulations, to take the steps to supply the information detailed below:

REGULATION 16 COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

Section B:

B.10

If relevant, please provide an update to the Agency regarding the status of the proposed Baltimore WWTP. Provide dates for the proposed completion of this project and the cessation of untreated discharges the Baltimore agglomeration.

Section C:

C.1

Please provide a completion date for the remedial works required at the pumping station P2, at the Cove

Also, please identify whether any of the storm water overflows are to be decommissioned, and indicate a date by which these overflows will cease.

In addition, please provide details of effective storage capacity at the pumping station P1, and of the frequency and duration of emergency overflow events at both pumping stations in the past three years.

Please detail the rationale for the 3DWF design overflow for the proposed new pumping station with particular reference to the DoEHLG 'Procedures and Criteria in Relation to Storm Water Overflows', 1995.

Section F:

F.1

Please provide summary details and an assessment of the impact of the **existing** primary discharge on the environment. (If a discharge licence is to be granted, prior to the completion of the WWTP and installation of the disinfection system, this basic assessment must be provided.)

Also, considering the proposed works will not discharge directly into the shellfish waters, please provide evidence of the DoEHLG's commitment to funding the disinfection unit.

In addition, review the data submitted in the application having regard to the *Department of Environment Circular letter (L8/08) - Water Services Investment and Rural Water Programmes - Protection of Natural Heritage and National Monuments*. Carry out a screen as set out in Appendix 1 and submit the results of the screen, detailing the response to each question. If the result of the screen is to 'Assess Impacts' submit an update of the data in the EIS as specified in the Circular letter. A guidance document for appropriate assessment can be, if necessary, downloaded at <http://www.epa.ie/downloads/forms/lic/wwda>.

F.2

Using information from the dye test carried out by Irish Hydrodata, or by any other means, demonstrate that there is adequate flushing of the waters bound by Ringarogy Island and the mainland, and that no accumulation of pollutant occurs.

Provide a statement as to whether or not emissions of main polluting substances to water (as defined in the Dangerous Substances Regulations S.I. No. 12 of 2001) are likely to impair the environment.

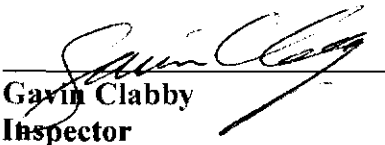
Your reply to this notice should include a revised non-technical summary, which reflects the information you supply in compliance with the notice, insofar as that information impinges on the non-technical summary.

In the case where any drawings already submitted are subject to revision consequent on this request, a revised drawing should be prepared in each case. It is not sufficient to annotate the original drawing with a textual correction. Where such revised drawings are submitted, provide a list of drawing titles, drawing numbers and revision status, which correlates the revised drawings with the superseded versions.

Please supply the information in the form of a one original plus one copy within **six** weeks of the date of this notice. In addition please submit one copy of the requested information in electronic searchable PDF format on a CD-ROM (no file to exceed 10MB) to the Agency. Please note that all maps/drawings should not exceed A3 in size.

Please note that the application's register number is D0296-01. Please direct all correspondence in relation to this matter to *Administration, Environmental Licensing Programme, Office of Climate, Licensing & Resource Use, Environmental Protection Agency, Headquarters, PO Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate, County Wexford* quoting the register number.

Yours sincerely,



Gavin Clabby
Inspector

Office of Climate, Licensing & Resource Use

