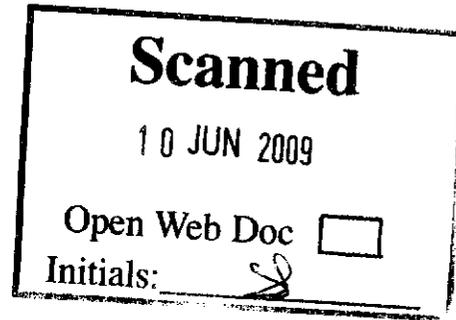


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D0295-01

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 wastewater discharge licence relating to agglomeration named Schull. 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 A:

Please clarify whether the predicted PE for the agglomeration is 2,600 or 3,000 as stated in Section B.9

Please indicate the PE contributed by the untreated wastewater discharged by the fish factory. Show how the figure was calculated and how, if appropriate, it was incorporated into the total PE (existing and predicted).

Also, will any leach ate and/or industrial sludges be accepted at the proposed WWTP? Is so, provide details of the proposed quantity (volume and population equivalence), frequency and rate of introduction of these wastes.

Section B:

B.10

If relevant, please provide an update to the Agency regarding the status of Phase 1 and Phase 2 of Schull Sewerage Scheme. Provide dates for the proposed completion of the scheme and the cessation of discharges from the existing works.

With respect to the Section B attachments, please provide unique and separate point codes for sampling points and discharge points.

Section C:

Please clarify and correct any errors in the labelling and descriptions of the stormwater discharge points.

If it proposed to discharge only on the ebb tide please indicate how the effluent from the proposed works will be stored during the flood tide and what impact, if any, this will have on stormwater overflow capacity.

Also, 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 E:

E.2

Please provide more details on the proposed WWTP's primary discharge sampling point, with particular reference to the sampling methods involved and the safety of access.

Section F:

F.1

Please provide summary details and an assessment of the impact of the existing and proposed **discharges** (primary and secondary) on the environment.

Provide a brief statement of the bacterial contamination risk from the proposed and existing primary discharge to the designated shellfish waters in Roaringwater Bay.

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 needed, downloaded at <http://www.epa.ie/downloads/forms/lic/wwda>.

Please determine the number of surface water monitoring points in existence. Provide the appropriate unique point codes and correct grid reference coordinates.

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 D0295-01. 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

