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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 the **Dunmanway** agglomeration. 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.

In accordance with Article 6 (3) of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC), and in view of the Special Area of Conservation status of the Bandon River, an appropriate assessment of the potential effects of the discharge from the Dunmanway waste water treatment plant is required. The information contained in the ecological surveys submitted with your original application, *Assessment of the ecological impacts of providing an upgraded Wastewater Treatment System at Dunmanway, Co. Cork* by Dixon Brosnan, and *An investigation of the status of Margaritifera margaritifera (L.) in the side channel of the Bandon River receiving effluent from the Dunmanway Sewerage Treatment Plant* by Dr. Eugene Ross should form the basis of the appropriate assessment. The following documents should be consulted for comprehensive information on the proper content and format of an appropriate assessment.

- The EPA guidance document, *Waste Water Discharge Licensing Appropriate Assessment Guidance Notes, 2009* which is available on the EPA website.
- *Assessment of plans and projects significantly affecting Natura 2000 sites and Managing Natura 2000 sites*, on the European Commission website.
- The draft consultation paper on the 'European Communities Environmental Objectives (Freshwater Pearl Mussel) Regulations 2008'.

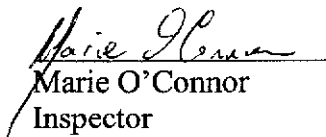
A report of this assessment should be forwarded to the Agency. Your reply to this notice should include a revised non-technical summary which reflects the information you supply in compliance with this notice, insofar as that information impinges on the non-technical summary.

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 one original plus one copy by **31/08/2009**. In addition, please submit one copy of the requested information in electronic searchable PDF format on a CD-ROM to the Agency. Please note that all maps/drawings should not exceed A3 in size.

Please note that the application's register number is **D0160-01**. Please direct all correspondence in relation to this matter to *Administration, Environmental Licensing Programme, Office of Climate, Licensing & Resource Use, Environmental Protection Agency, PO Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate, County Wexford*, quoting the register number.

Yours sincerely,


Marie O'Connor
Inspector
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