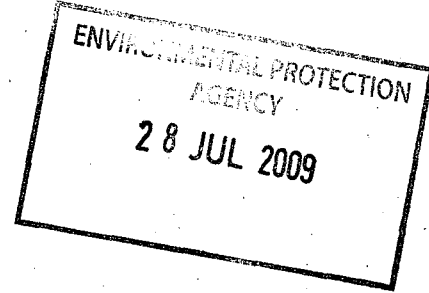


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RE: Review of landfill licences under section 49(2) of the Waste Management Acts, 1996 to 2008 and articles 49(5) and 52(5) of the Waste Management (Licensing) Regulations 2004(as amended)

Dear Mr Meaney

I refer to your letter sent on the 09.07.09 informing An Taisce of the number of landfill licence under review by the EPA.

There are a number of the landfill sites under review which are either located within or adjoin a Natura 2000 site or Natural Heritage Area. This includes:

Reg.No. & name of facility	Designated site name and site code
W0001-03 North Kerry Landfill	Stacks to Mullaghareirk Mountains, West Limerick & Mount Eagle SPA (004161)
W0009-02 Balleally Landfill, Dublin	Rogerstown Estuary SAC (000208)
W0017-03 Gortadroma Landfill, Limerick	Stacks to Mullaghareirk Mountains, West Limerick & Mount Eagle SPA (004161)
W0025-02 Powerstown Landfill, Carlow	River Barrow and River Nore SAC (002162)
W0026-02 Kylealesha Landfill, Laois	Clonreher Bog NHA (002357)
W0066-02 Rampere Landfill, Wicklow	Slaney River Valley SAC (000781)*
W0068-02 Youghal Landfill, Cork	Blackwater River SAC (002170)

*Approximately 500m from SAC

As required under the EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) an Article 6 assessment is needed for any project "likely to have a significant effect" on a proposed Natura 2000 protected site. The project "shall be subject to an appropriate assessment of its implications for the site" and the conservation objectives of the SPA/SAC. Therefore, an appropriate assessment should be carried out to assess the potential impacts, on the integrity of an SAC/SPA within, upstream of, or in close proximity to the landfill sites. Have any of the relevant Local Authorities carried out an Article 6 assessment? Please could An Taisce receive a copy of the report if an assessment has been carried out?

W0026-02 is located within a Natural Heritage Area which has been designated under the Wildlife Act 2000 (as amended), no Article 6 assessment is required however, An Taisce strongly recommend carrying out an assessment to ensure the landfill is not having an adverse effects on the integrity of the NHA.

There are four landfill sites which could not be found on the NPWS map viewer with the information received by An Taisce. These sites were W0020-01, W0024-03, W0028-02 and W0190-01; if any of these sites are within or adjoining a Natura 2000 site an Article 6 assessment should also be carried out for them.

An Taisce would greatly appreciate if the EPA could provide to us any information relating to this request at your earliest convenience. I look forward to hearing from you and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries relating to this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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