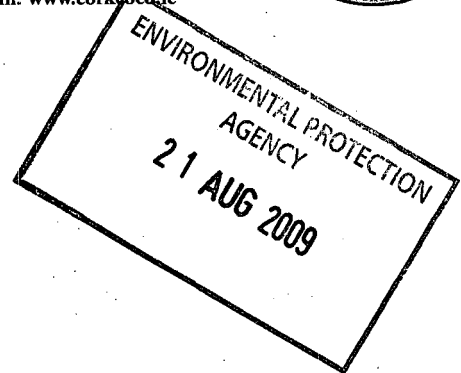


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19th August 2009.

Our Ref: BRL077

**Re: WL W0161-01 Bottlehill Landfill:
Application for Technical Amendment to Waste Licence**

I refer to the application for Technical Amendment submitted to the Agency on 26th June 2009. I wish to clarify various references to the Environmental Committee (EMC) for Bottlehill Landfill in the submission.

The EMC was established in March 2005 in accordance with conditions of Waste Licence W0161-01. It has been active since its inception. As part of a communications process, the EMC was informed in December 2008, that Cork County Council were considering an application for Technical Amendment to the Waste Licence. Cork County Council brought members of the EMC to other baled and non-baled landfills in Ireland to facilitate awareness on the proposal. Following open events at the Landfill and a public information meeting, the EMC and Host Community were subsequently informed that Cork County Council had applied for a Technical Amendment to the Waste Licence. Cork County Council is satisfied that sufficient information has been communicated to the local community in order for individuals or groups to make a submission to the Agency on this proposal if necessary.

From the outset, Cork County Council staff advised the community representatives on the EMC that the Council intended to invite members of the community to see and discuss the changes that it was considering, in advance of any application to the EPA. The Council, having regard to the Terms of Reference of the EMC, asked the advice of the members on how to bring the information to the community, but did not seek committee approval of the proposed changes. Subsequent open events and public information forums were held where concerns were raised regarding various aspects of the proposal. Concerns included Waste Transportation and Litter Management as well as general objection to the proposal in principal. Waste Transportation and Litter Management are addressed in detail in the Technical Amendment application to the Agency.

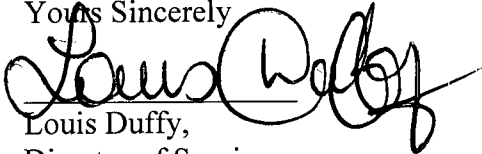


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The fact that the EMC has not made a submission on the application should not be interpreted as the EMC supporting or objecting to the application made by Cork County Council.

Following discussion at a recent meeting of the EMC, it was agreed to convey the collective view of its Community Representatives to the Agency. It is expected that you will receive this correspondence shortly.

Yours Sincerely



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