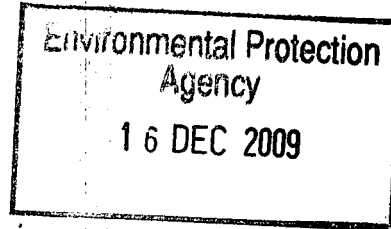


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15th December 2009

Re: Corranure Landfill Waste Licence Review - Reg. No. W0077-03

Dear Sir/Madam,

RPS, acting on behalf of Cavan County Council, refers to the Agency's correspondence dated 17th November 2009 with regard to two objections received to the Agency's proposed decision in respect of the waste licence review for Corranure Landfill (Reg. No. W0077-03). The objections received were submitted by Cavan Better Waste Management Group and Mr. Edmund McCabe.

The objection submitted by Cavan Better Waste Management Group comments on Part I: Schedule of Activities Licensed and Part II: Conditions of the waste licence in an attempt to undermine the role of the Agency as the regulatory body responsible for environmental protection and waste licensing. Cavan County Council, as licensee for Corranure Landfill, does not support this objection being made to the Agency.

Corranure Landfill has been licensed by the Agency since June 2001 and Cavan County Council has been fully committed at all times to its obligations to operate the facility in accordance with the conditions of the waste licence. The first waste licence for Corranure Landfill (Reg. No. W0077-01) was granted by the Agency in June 2001 in accordance with the Waste Management (Licensing) Regulations, 2004 (S.I. No. 395 of 2004) following the preparation of an application and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) by Cavan County Council. An application for a review of the waste licence accompanied by an EIS was subsequently made by Cavan County Council in 2003 and the Agency granted Waste Licence No. W0077-02 in May 2005.

This review of the waste licence (Reg. No. W0077-03) was specifically undertaken by the Agency in 2009 to ensure that Corranure Landfill operates in compliance with all relevant requirements of the Landfill Directive (1999/31/EC) including the need to divert biodegradable municipal waste from landfill. Specific new requirements relating to the management of biodegradable waste are set out in Condition 5 Facility Operation and Waste Management.

There are several factual inaccuracies in the objection document submitted by Cavan Better Waste Management Group. A brief summary of clarifications on these issues is provided as follows:

- All relevant documentation pertaining to Corranure Landfill is available on public file at the Agency's offices or is available on the Agency's website.
- Recyclable waste collected at the civic amenity facility is not landfilled.
- No date or factual details are included to support a claim made regarding waste vehicles accessing the landfill outside of waste acceptance hours.
- It is wrongly claimed that the operator has undertaken initial development works for Cell 4 without Agency approval.
- The dimensions of facility notice board (2m x 2.5m) meet the waste licence requirements.
- All waste vehicles pass through the wheelwash before exiting the facility.
- All lining work at the landfill has been carried out by experienced and qualified personnel and has been independently certified in a Construction Quality Assurance (CQA) report.
- Landfill gas modelling was undertaken prior to selecting the gas flare units.
- There is no reported evidence to support the claim that health of local people is affected living close to a landfill facility.
- The final profile of the capped sections of the landfill is lower than the final height limit specified in the waste licence.
- All final capping works are supervised by qualified personnel.
- Monitoring for odour is carried out by the licensee and operator off site in the form of odour patrols.
- All environmental monitoring is carried out in accordance with the requirements of the waste licence.
- The operator responds to complainants in accordance with the Emergency Response Procedure.
- References are made to issues raised in site inspection reports in 2008 which have since been fully addressed by the operator and the licensee with the Agency.

The objection submission prepared by Mr. Edmund McCabe refers to an "extension" being granted which is an incorrect statement. The licensee has been prepared at all times to resolve any reasonable issues raised by Mr. McCabe regarding the landfill.

Cavan County Council as licensee and Oxigen Environmental Ltd. as the facility operator remain fully committed to operating Corranure Landfill to the highest environmental standard and to meeting in full the requirements of the proposed Waste Licence (Reg. No. W0077-03). Both parties are also fully committed to reducing the amount of biodegradable municipal waste being landfilled at Corranure Landfill in accordance with the EU Landfill Directive.

Significant investment has been made at Corranure Landfill over the last number of years which has resulted in substantial infrastructural improvements and increased environmental compliance. Both Cavan County Council and Oxigen Environmental Ltd. will continue to work closely with the Agency and will implement improvement measures as and where necessary in order to operate Corranure Landfill in full compliance with the conditions of the waste licence.



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Willie Madden', written over a horizontal line.

Willie Madden
Operations Director
RPS
On behalf of Cavan County Council

cc: Mr. John Brannigan, Senior Executive Officer, Cavan County Council

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Please contact me if you have any queries.

Regards,
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Dear Mr Madden

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