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Your ref. 22307-09/JN/PW

Re: Review of Bottlehill Landfill Licence, Reg. No. W0161-01

Dear Mr Noonan,

I refer to your letter dated 29 January 2010 provided by email, fax and post. You will in due course receive a standard acknowledgement letter under separate cover. However I wish to address your concern that the Agency did not inform you of its decision to initiate this licence review. In the context of the closing date for submissions being 1 February, I can assure you that this closing date for submissions applies to the licensee, Cork County Council, only. Third parties can make submissions up until the time that the Board of the Agency considers its inspector's recommendation on the licence review. Thus, there is time available to you to prepare a further submission if you feel you have left points unaddressed due to a shortage of time.

As you correctly point out, there will also be an opportunity to object to the Agency's Proposed Decision on the review.

In relation to the "Issues" (items 1 to 4) raised in your letter, these will be dealt with as submissions in the Agency's consideration of the licence review.

Should you require further information on the procedural aspects of the licence review, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Brian Meaney
Senior Inspector
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