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23 December 2004

Reg. No. 210-1

Your Ref: PL 25.209351

P.A. Reg. Ref: 04/5388

Dear Ms. Tiernan

I am to refer to your letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> December 2004 in relation to the above referenced appeal in relation to a composting facility at Pass of Kilbride, Co. Westmeath.

I am to advise that the Agency is in the process of determining an application for a waste licence for this facility and does not propose to make any comments or observations with regard to the appeal. I am to advise that the provision of 'Biofilters' is an accepted feature of environmental control measures adopted by such facilities and the Agency will be considering, as part of the assessment of the application, its adequacy with regard to this particular facility.

Should you wish to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Paddy Nolan  
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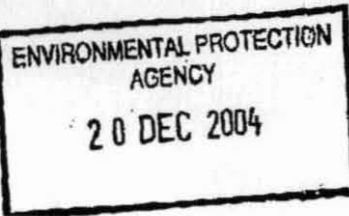
HELLO PADDY,

PLEASE FIND ATTACHED A COPY OF THE AN  
BORD PLEANALA LETTER REGARDING  
REQ. No. 210-1 THORNTON'S COMPOSTING FACILITY.

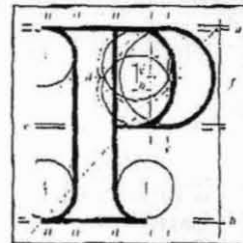
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An Bord Pleanála



17th December 2004

**Appeal Re:** Composting facility including buildings for water reception, compost storage areas, car parking, access road, landscaping bunds, walls and fencing.  
 Pass of Kilbride, Co. Westmeath.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been asked by the Board to refer to the above mentioned appeal made to the Board under the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2002.

The Board understands that the proposed development comprises an activity or is for the purposes of an activity for which a licence will be required under the Waste Management Acts 1996 to 2003.

In accordance with section 54(3B)(a) of the Waste Management Act, 1996, as amended, you are requested to make any submissions or observations to the Board on or before the **24th January, 2005** in relation to the enclosures;

1. **1st Party appeal**
2. **Manager's Order**
3. **Site Location Map**
4. **Environmental Impact Statement is available if requested**

Also, the Board is of the opinion that your submissions or observations in relation to whether the Environmental Protection Agency has now accepted the efficacy of the "Biofilter" system of air filtration and extraction.

Any observations in response to this request should be received by the Board not later than **5.30p.m. on the date specified above**. The Board will have regard to the observations, if any, received from the Agency within the period specified.

In accordance with section 54(3C) of the Waste Management Act, 1996, as amended, the Board may at any time after the expiration of the period specified above, make its decision on the appeal.

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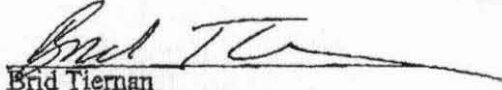
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You will be notified of the Board's decision as soon as it is made.

Please quote the above appeal reference number in any further correspondence.

Yours faithfully,

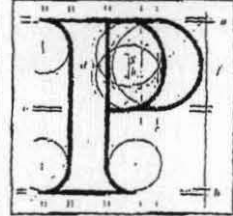


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