

Extract from the Minutes of the 591st Licensing Meeting of the Environmental Protection Agency, held on 8th September 2009 at Headquarters, Johnstown Castle Estate, Co Wexford

Waste Water Discharge Licence Application

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**Meath County Council
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Agglomeration: **Greater Dublin Area**
Register of Licence No: **D0034-01**

The Directors considered a recommendation from the Office of Climate, Licensing and Resource Use that the Agency approve the recommended decision to grant a Waste Water Discharge Licence. The following documentation was submitted: Recommended Licence; one Third-Party submission and summary report of the Inspector.

A copy of the licence application was available electronically.

The following documentation was tabled:

Section F(1)(i) of the licence application: Dublin Bay Water Quality Monitoring Programme of the Dublin Bay Plan 1991

P Byrne gave a verbal presentation.

Inspector's Report

The Directors noted the Inspector's Report.

Pg.2 Discharges to Waters – The Directors requested further information on the potential relationship between discharges to water and the occurrence of macroalgae. It was agreed that the OCLR will liaise with the OEA and report back to the Board.

Pg.16 The Directors requested clarification on whether all local SPA's were addressed as part of the application.

Recommended Licence

Introduction

Amend 6th paragraph to read: *The WWTP at Ringsend needs to be upgraded to accommodate the loadings on the existing treatment system. Proposals for such an upgrade have yet to be submitted by the relevant authorities.*

Amend 1st sentence in final paragraph to read: The licence requires appropriate remedial action, within specified timeframes, to be undertaken in order to address *unauthorised* discharges from the agglomeration.

Condition

1.2.3 Insert new condition to read: *The Agency may review the licence at any time in accordance with the provisions of Article 14 of SI No 684 of 2007.*

4.11 Delete this condition and renumber existing conditions 4.12 to 4.18 accordingly.

4.12.1 Amend 1st sentence to read: A representative sample of effluent from the primary discharge point shall be screened for the presence of organic compounds and metals within *six* months of the date of grant of this licence.

4.12.2 Amend 1st sentence to read: The licensee shall, within twelve months of the date of grant of this licence, investigate the sources, *if any*, of dangerous substances detected during monitoring of the primary discharge and take such measures as are necessary to comply with the Dangerous Substances Regulations (S.I. No. 12 of 2001).

4.13.1 Amend 3rd sentence to read: The assessment may be based *on* studies completed to date including the '*Greater Dublin Strategic Drainage Study*' (2005) and shall include and any other guidance as may be specified by the Agency.

Insert new final sentence to read: The licensee shall carry out an assessment of storm water overflows at least once every three years thereafter and report to the Agency on each occasion as part of the AER.

4.13.2 Amend 1st sentence to read: The licensee shall, within six months of the date of grant of this licence, submit to the Agency a report of storm water overflow upgrading and remediation works commenced or due to commence *prior to the submission of the second AER.*

- 4.13.3 Delete existing condition. Insert a new condition 4.13.3 instructing the licensee to submit an action plan, to be agreed by the Agency for prioritisation, to bring Storm Water Overflows into compliance with the relevant legislation. Link this condition to Schedule C.
- 4.17 Delete this condition
- 5.4 Reword this condition instructing the licensee to prepare and submit as part of the AER a report in relation to the programme of improvements being undertaken within the Greater Dublin Area Agglomeration and for the report to include plans and timelines for works – OCLR to clarify the wording and amendments/links to associated Schedules.
- 7.1 Clarify the annual financial charges with the OEE.

Schedule

- B.1 Insert new parameter DIN
- B.4 Clarify the requirement for additional ambient monitoring parameters with the OEA and amend as necessary.
- C.1 Amend to include link to Condition 4.13.3 and Condition 5.4
- C.2 Amend to read as per C.3 if applicable

Following detailed discussion, the Directors decided to refer the Recommended Decision back to the Office of Climate, Licensing and Resource Use to incorporate all of the agreed amendments. They requested that a revised document, incorporating the amendments, be submitted to the Board as soon as possible for a final decision.

