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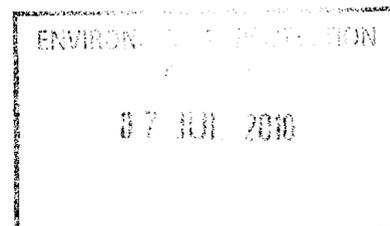
**Re: Transfer of Dumping at Sea functions under The Foreshore and Dumping at Sea (Amendment) Act 2009 from the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

Dear Noeleen,

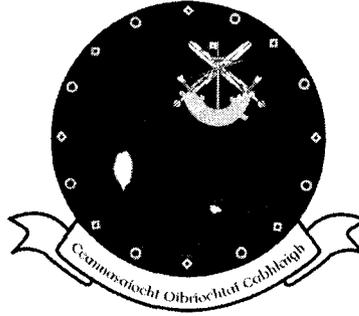
1. Your correspondence dated 26<sup>th</sup> March 2010 in the a/m matter refers. Dept of Defence 'application for a permit under the dumping at sea acts, 1996 and 2004 to dump dredge spoil at sea' dated 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009 also refers.
2. I attach a correspondence from Officer Commanding Naval Service Operations, highlighting the urgency in having the Basin Area Dredged as soon as possible.
3. I would appreciate if you could make the processing of the application, referred to in para 1 above, a priority in order that Dredging Works can be commenced as soon as possible to allow clear access for Naval Vessels.
4. For your attention.

(Capt)

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Cabhlaigh  
Bunáit Chabhlaigh  
Inis Sionnach  
Co Chorcaí**



**Naval Operations Command  
Naval Base  
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**Environmental Protection Agency**

To Whom It may Concern

**DREDGING OF THE NAVAL BASIN HAULBOWLINE**

1. The Basin in the Naval Base Haulbowline Island Cork is the primary docking area for the Irish Naval Fleet and auxiliary vessels.
2. Over 200 ships movements are conducted in and out of the Basin on a yearly basis which combined with the tidal ebb and flow adds to the build up of silt in the Basin especially in the South East corner. There are in addition approximately 1000 auxiliary vessels movements in and out of the Basin per year.
3. It is imperative that the Basin area be regularly dredged to maintain a depth of over 5M to allow clear access for Naval vessels when berthing and departing the Naval Base. Survey indicates that such dredging is now required to maintain minimum depths.

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