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Office of Climate, Licensing & Resource Use,  
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Headquarters,  
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16<sup>th</sup> December, 2009

**Re: Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007 – fees payable in respect of applications to be submitted by 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2009.**

Dear Mr. Clinton,

I refer to the 72 certificate applications and 3 discharge authorisation licence applications which will be submitted by the council under the above regulations before the 22<sup>nd</sup> December next.

I note that the fees payable in respect of these applications amount to €246,000 and refer you to our letter of 7<sup>th</sup> November 2008 (sent by Ted O'Leary, Senior Executive Officer) seeking a rebate/reduction, as is provided for under Art 38 (3) of the regulations. I note that since that letter the council has paid a further € 570,000 in applications fees meaning that the total amount paid by the council to date amounts to € 1,245,000.

As you will appreciate, in the current economic climate, the amount payable in respect of this final batch of applications is a significant sum that was not budgeted for in 2009. Moreover we have paid a substantial amount in fees already and have made our case for a reduction/rebate. Accordingly, I must advise that we are not submitting payment in respect of these applications as we anticipate the rebate due to the council exceeds the fees payable.

Yours faithfully,

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

Louis Duffy,  
Director of Service,  
Environment & Emergency Services Directorate

