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**INSPECTORS REPORT ON A WASTE WATER DISCHARGE
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORISATION APPLICATION**

To:	Frank Clinton, Programme Manager, ELP		
From:	Yvonne English	Environmental Programme	Licensing
Date:	19 May 2011		
Re:	Application for a Waste Water Discharge Authorisation from Cork County Council, for the agglomeration named Ballyhea & Environs, Reg. No. A0330-01.		

Schedule of Discharge Authorised:	Discharges from agglomerations with a population equivalent less than 500
Certificate of Authorisation Application Received:	05 November 2010
Submission(s) Received:	No

This application relates to the Ballyhea & Environs agglomeration in County Cork. The agglomeration currently has a population equivalent (p.e.) of 96. The agglomeration is serviced by one waste water treatment plant (WWTP). The WWTP provides secondary treatment, consisting of aeration and clarification, and has a design capacity of 125 p.e.

The WWTP discharges to the River Awbeg. Based on the nearest EPA water quality monitoring station, 1.6km downstream, the biological Q-value is Q4 (sampled in 2009).

There are no designated or protected areas (i.e., drinking water abstractions, bathing waters, shellfish waters or salmonid waters) downstream of the discharge(s) from the agglomeration. Condition 3.3 of the Recommended Certificate of Authorisation (RCoA) states that the discharge(s) from the waste water works shall not cause a deterioration in the status of the receiving surface water body.

The certificate of authorisation applicant was required to complete a screening of the potential impact of the discharge(s) from the agglomeration on the designated European Site(s) downstream of the agglomeration. The certificate of authorisation applicant carried out a screening which identified that the discharge(s) was not likely to have a significant impact on a European site.

The discharge(s) from the agglomeration are considered not likely to have a significant impact on the receiving waterbody subject to the Certificate of Authorisation Holder complying with the conditions of the RCoA.

Recommendation

I recommend that a Final Certificate of Authorisation be issued subject to the conditions and for the reasons as set out in the attached Recommended Certificate of Authorisation.

Signed

NP Pamela McDunnell
Yvonne English
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