

This report has been cleared for submission to the Director, by the Programme Manager Frank Clinton.  
Signed: N. Keavey Date: 15/6/2011



## LICENSING & RESOURCE USE

### ADDENDUM TO INSPECTOR'S REPORT

TO:	DIRECTORS	
FROM:	Brian Meaney	- Environmental Licensing Programme
DATE:	15 June 2011	
RE:	Application for a waste licence review from <b>Wicklow County Council</b> in relation to <b>Ballymurtagh Landfill</b> , Ballygahan Upper, Ballygahan Lower, Tinnahinch, Co. Wicklow Licence Register <b>W0011-02</b>	

At a Board meeting on 7 June 2011, clarification was sought on two items in section 4.5 of the inspector's report for the above application:

1. Clarification of the following sentence:

"Better knowledge of or information on leachate depth and generation in the landfill would not and cannot influence the manner in which the landfill can be authorised."

Results from analysis carried out on water samples and submitted with the waste licence review application indicate that there is no exceedence of environmental quality standards in the Avoca River. Although there is evidence of 1.5-2.0 metres of leachate in the landfill (as demonstrated by monitoring at the new leachate monitoring borehole L10/01), there is no evidence that this leachate is having an impact on the Avoca River. It is important that knowledge of and trends in leachate depth be established over time to enable a comprehensive response in the event of a major contaminative incident in future (the event of which is dealt with in the Recommended Decision).

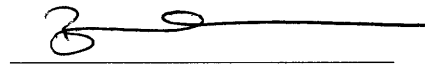
2. Clarification on location of monitoring point SW4 in the Avoca River:

"This prediction is supported by data for monitoring point SW4 (350m downstream of the groundwater discharge..."

This sentence is correct – SW4 is in fact a little less than 350m downstream of the groundwater discharge to the Avoca River at a location known as the Coal Yard. In figure 8 of the inspector’s report, it is incorrect to refer to SW4 as “mixing zone”.

Figure 8 of the inspector’s report states that SW5 is “downstream, 350m from discharge”. SW5 is in fact further downstream. According to grid co-ordinates provided by Wicklow County Council in the licence review application, SW5 is approximately 650m downstream from the discharge. Other references in Wicklow County Council’s application place SW5 at the Avoca Town bridge some 1,500m downstream of the mines area. Wicklow County Council confirmed on 14 June 2011 that SW5 is taken at the Avoca Bridge from the upstream side of the river on the northern bank.

Signed

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Brian Meaney