

Mr Patrick Boyle, B.E.  
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Co Dublin.

August 14<sup>th</sup> 2012

**RE Waste Licence Application W0129-03 Murphy Environmental Hollywood Limited**

Dear Mr Boyle,

I refer to your email of 7<sup>th</sup> August 2012.

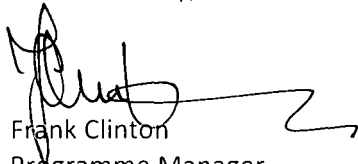
We can identify two complaints only which refer to actual decisions or procedures:

1. Effect of the "specified period" in Articles 14 and 16  
The Agency has not and does not maintain that "the sole purpose of these articles is to benefit the applicants by bringing them into compliance with Regulations". You seem to be misquoting paragraph two of our letter of 11<sup>th</sup> July 2012 and I would ask you to read that letter again. The Notice is as provided for by Article 14(2)(b) requesting further information without which the application cannot be considered. As you correctly state the Agency may extend the specified period. There is no illegality involved. There is no question of allowing the applicant to ignore the request or conduct an exercise of its own choosing within a time frame of its own making.
2. The Aarhus Convention  
The provision of the Convention which you quote in relation of the use of the word "early" refers to the rights of the public concerned to be informed early in an environmental decision making procedure of certain items. If you interpret this as requiring an early decision that is incorrect.



The licensing procedure, including the obtaining of further information, is in train. You are on notice of the application and have been informed of the position to date. Your submissions will be considered as part of the licensing process. The Agency will not make any decision on the application until all relevant information has been received and considered. You will be given notice of the proposed decision in due course and the opportunity to make objections on the proposed decision etc.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank Clinton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Frank Clinton  
Programme Manager  
Office of Climate, Licensing and Resource Use.