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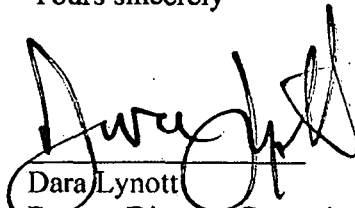
Dear Mr Connolly

I refer to your letter received by the Agency on 16 May 2013 in relation to your application for a review of the waste licence W0283-01 at Drehid. As indicated in your letter the EPA has prioritised the Drehid application for 2013 following the completion of a prioritisation exercise that culminated in the preparation of the Licensing plan for 2013. While waste applications make up only 8% of all the applications before the EPA, this facility was prioritised on the basis of

- Its treatment of MSW;
- Its size and policy relevance.

Given the reduction of resources available to the Agency and the significant number of new activities that must now be licensed by the EPA as a result of new legislation, the timelines for assessing certain applications has increased. We are endeavouring to assess this licence application within the shortest possible time and anticipate that a proposed recommendation will come before the Board in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter. If you should have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Frank Clinton, Programme Manager for this area.

Yours sincerely

  
Dara Lynott  
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