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Re: Technical Amendments to Waste Water Treatment Licences

Dear Sir/Madam

The template for waste water discharge licences (WWDLs) was developed in 2007 by the EPA. The licence template was (for the most part) developed prior to the first intake of WWDL applications, and against a background of little knowledge of how enforcement of the anticipated WWDLs might work in practice. Since then the Agency has granted a significant number of WWDLs and the Office of Environmental Enforcement (OEE) has been enforcing these licences. The Agency has continued to evolve and improve the WWDL template over this period of time.

The Board of the Agency approved changes to the waste water discharge licence template in March 2011. The rationale behind the proposed changes was based on the improved knowledge of the efficacy and enforceability of the licences, as it has developed since the first licences were issued in 2007.

The Agency is in the process of developing a management tool for the licensing, enforcement and monitoring of licensable activities. The Licensing, Enforcement and Monitoring Application (LEMA) aims to employ contemporary ICT¹ and GIS² technologies to enhance the work procedures of Agency staff through the elimination of duplication, reduction of reliance on manual procedures and promotion of strategic practices.

In order to facilitate these changes the EPA has established a programme to technically amend (TA) relevant existing waste water discharge licences to regularise the situation.

The majority of changes in the TAs relate to Condition 4: Control and Monitoring and Condition 5: Programme of Improvements. The proposed changes also include a number of amendments to the Glossary as well as the addition of several new Glossary terms, resulting from the changes to the conditions of the licence.

The TAs addresses the lack of consistency in the naming convention that has been used to date for discharge points in the licences. The TA proposes to amend this ensuring that a consistent coding system is assigned, along with licence specific code assigned to each discharge point. These changes apply to all of the Schedules of the licence that refer to either discharge points or monitoring points, including stormwater overflows.

¹ Information and Communications Technologies

² Geographical Information System

The TAs provide for the inclusion of grid references for all discharge points and monitoring locations be included in the licence. This is to aid in the implementation of the LEMA tool to provide for better sharing of environmental data and improve efficiencies across the Agency.

I am to advise that the Agency has amended your existing Licences under Regulation 33 of the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007, as amended, to incorporate the changes outlined in the attached Technical Amendments. The amendments shall be read in conjunction with and attached to, your existing licences. See table below listing Technical Amendments enclosed.

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D0022-01	Waterford City
D0023-01	Balbriggan Skerries
D0029-01	Enniscorthy
D0030-01	Wexford Town and Environs
D0031-01	Tuam
D0033-01	Cork City
D0035-01	Clonmel
D0036-01	New Ross Town and Environs
D0037-01	Killarney

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