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Brian Meaney for submission  
to the Director  
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OFFICE OF CLIMATE, LICENSING &  
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**ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSING PROGRAMME MEMORANDUM**

<b>TO:</b>	DARA LYNOTT, DIRECTOR
<b>C.C:</b>	Frank Clinton, Programme Manager
<b>FROM:</b>	Brian Meaney, Senior Inspector
<b>DATE:</b>	15 July 2014
<b>RE:</b>	Request for Technical Amendment to Industrial Emissions Licence Register Number W0025-03, held by Carlow County Council in relation to the Powerstown Landfill.

Carlow County Council operate a landfill at Powerstown, Co. Carlow. It is authorised to accept up to 40,000 tonnes of non-hazardous waste per annum. A licence was originally granted in March 2000. Revised licences were granted in April 2005 and December 2009. The existing licence was technically amended in June 2010 and amended in December 2013 to bring it into conformance with the Industrial Emissions Directive.

**Request for technical amendment under section 96 of the EPA Act 1992 as amended**

The licensee has requested amendment of the licence to authorise an increase in waste acceptance from 40,000 tonnes per annum to 50,000 tonnes per annum. An Bord Pleanála granted permission for the increase in August 2012. In granting planning approval, An Bord Pleanála carried out Environmental Impact Assessment and Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment on the proposal. An EIS and NIS were submitted with the planning application. The licensee provided a copy of the EIS with the request for technical amendment.

**Recommendation**

Given the scale of the development, its potential for environmental impact and the need for transparency in the decision-making process, allied with the need for EIA and AA to be carried out by the Agency as part of the environmental assessment of the proposal, I recommend that:

- the Agency refuse the request for technical amendment of licence register number W0025-03;
- return the EIS to the licensee; and
- advise that the proposed increase in waste acceptance to 50,000 tonnes per annum will require a licence review under section 90 of the EPA Act 1992, as amended.

Signed:

Brian Meaney