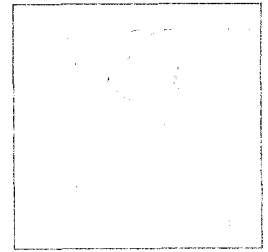


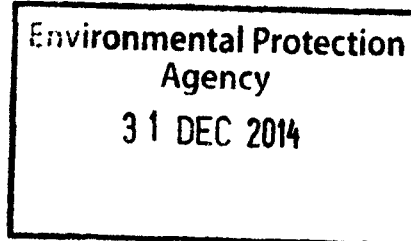
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23rd December 2014

**Re:** Continued operation of landfilling activities and an increase in waste acceptance at Powerstown Landfill, Powerstown, Co. Carlow.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been asked by the Board to refer to your letter dated 3rd December 2014 in relation to the above mentioned application for a review of a licence pursuant to Section 87(1E) of the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992, as amended.

In respect of the Environmental Protection Agency's request for observations and having regard to the specific queries raised in your letter, the Board would wish to comment as follows:

- The decision of the Board under Case Reference 01.JA0032 was made after carrying out an environmental impact assessment and following receipt of an Inspector's report on the said case, which includes a section on environmental impact assessment and consideration of key associated issues. The environmental impact statement (EIS) accompanying the licence review application, dated February 2012, would appear to be the same as that submitted in respect of Case Reference 01.JA0032.
- The approval granted by the Board under Case Reference 01.JA0032 related to the continued operation of landfilling activities and an increase in waste acceptance at Powerstown Landfill. The Agency should note the extent of development the subject of that application and the comments contained in the Inspector's Report and the Board Direction with regard to the status of the existing Civic Amenity Site which is currently in operation at Powerstown Landfill.
- A number of differences between the submitted EIS and the licence review application are noted, including:
  - \* The Classes of Waste Disposal Activity identified in TABLE B.3A of the licence review application differ from those identified in the EIS submitted in respect of Case Reference 01.JA0032, including the inclusion of Classes D13 and D14 in the review application.
  - \* The Classes of Waste Recovery Activity identified in TABLE B.3A of the licence review application differ from those identified in the EIS submitted in respect of Case Reference 01.JA0032. Additional activities include soil cleaning resulting in recovery of the soil and recycling of inorganic construction materials under Class R5. Recovery activity R12 is included in the licence review application, relating to the exchange of waste.
  - \* Revised predictions for leachate production are set out in Section 4.4 of Attachment D.2.3 of the licence review application.

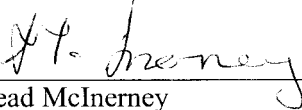
- \* The Closure Plan and Restoration/ Aftercare Plan (August 2014) contained in Appendix K of the licence review application differs from the Closure Restoration and Aftercare Management Plan (CRAMP) contained in Appendix 10 of the EIS submitted with Case Reference 01.JA0032, particularly with regard to the provision and maintenance of trees and hedgerows around the site.

The Agency's attention is otherwise brought to the issues set out in the Inspector's report and assessment and the Board's final decision, as set out in the Direction and Order, with particular attention to the Reasons and Considerations and Conditions imposed on that approval.

All documents relating to the environmental impact assessment are available to be viewed on the enclosed CD.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board. Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,



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