

Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

In accordance with Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 and 2013, the Agency has undertaken Appropriate Assessment screening to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the site, if the **proposed activity**, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on a European Site(s). In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Site(s) listed below.

Consent Details:

Reg. No.	W0285-01
Applicant Name:	Bio Agrigas Limited
Type of Consent Sought:	Waste licence
Location of Facility:	Newdown, The Downs, Mullingar, County Westmeath
Licence Application Date:	30 July 2012
European Site(s) assessed:	River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC (Site Code: 002299)
	Mount Hevey Bog SAC (Site Code: 002342)
	Lough Ennell SAC & SPA (Site Codes: SAC 000685, SPA 004044)
	Lough Owel SAC & SPA (Site Codes: SAC 000688, SPA 004047)
	Scragh Bog SAC (Site Code: 000692)
	Lough Derravaragh SPA (Site Code: 004043)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	18 th February 2015

AA Screening Determination:

That the proposed activity is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site as a European site and that it can be excluded, on the basis of objective information, that the proposed activity, individually or in combination with other plans or projects will have a significant effect on a European site, and accordingly the Agency determined that an Appropriate Assessment of the proposed activity was not required.

The reasons for which the Agency determined that an Appropriate Assessment of the proposed activity is not required are as follows:

- The facility is not located within a European Site.
- The activity will not result in damage to, or loss of, habitat in a European Site.
- There will be no process discharge from the facility to the European Sites.
- Storm water is the only proposed discharge to surface water from the facility.

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Date: 18 February 2015

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