



OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSING PROGRAMME

TO: Dara Lynott, Director

FROM: Brian Meaney Environmental Licensing Programme

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RE: Technical Amendment to Waste Licence Register Number W0033-01 held by Drogheda Borough Council.

The Agency received a request to amend licence register number W0033-01. This is a closed and restored landfill with an operational civic waste facility. The request relates to the civic waste facility and in particular to the acceptance of hazardous WEEE at the facility.

This memo recommends that the change may be accommodated by a Technical Amendment, in accordance with Section 42B(1)(c) of Waste Management Act 1996 as amended.

1. Background

Drogheda Borough Council was granted a licence in December 1999 for a landfill and civic waste facility. Landfilling ceased under the licence and restoration of the landfill was completed by 2007. The licence was amended in June 2013 for the purposes of the European Communities Environmental Objectives (Groundwater) Regulations 2010.

2. Technical Amendment request

On 07/08/2015, the Agency received a request for a Technical Amendment of the licence. The request was made on foot of an OEE inspection carried out on 17/4/2015 that found that hazardous WEEE was being accepted at the civic waste facility. This was noted as a non-compliance with condition 5.9(d) of the licence that states:

(d) No hazardous waste (excluding waste oil collected for recovery), asbestos, liquid waste, sludge or offal shall be deposited at the Civic Waste Facility.

The licensee has sought amendment of this condition as follows:

(d) No hazardous waste (excluding waste oil or Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) collected for recovery), asbestos, liquid waste, sludge or offal shall be deposited at the Civic Waste Facility. WEEE types collected may include fridges/freezers, washing machines, dishwashers, cookers, TV's/Monitors, Toasters, kettles, hair products, shavers, fluorescent tubes, compact fluorescent lights, HID lamps LED lights, batteries etc. WEEE EWC Codes include 20 01 23*, 20 01 36, 20 01 35*, 20 01 21* and 16 06 04.

3. Consultation with the Office of Environmental Enforcement (OEE)

I have consulted with Mr. Barry O'Connor, OEE inspector. I was informed that the proposal cannot be accommodated under the existing licence.

4. Assessment

It is apparent from documents provided by the licensee that hazardous WEEE has been accepted at the facility for several years. This was noted by OEE as a non-compliance with the licence. This is the reason for the technical amendment request. There is no change proposed to infrastructure or operational practices on foot of the proposed amendment. All stormwater from the WEEE storage area is directed to foul sewer for treatment at the Drogheda waste water treatment plant. There will be no change to existing sewer discharges on foot of the proposed amendment. There is no record in recent site inspection or annual environmental reports of any issues arising with this sewer discharge which is authorised in the licence.

I see no need to insert the list of waste types in the licence condition as sought by the licensee. The list of acceptable WEEE can be agreed with OEE under condition 5.9 of the licence and amendments agreed as the need arises.

5. Appropriate Assessment

I completed a screening for appropriate assessment and this is documented in the Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination that was furnished to the licensee and in the proposed amendment that accompanies this report.

6. Recommendation

I recommend making a technical amendment of licence register number W0033-01 in accordance with Section 42B(1)(b) of the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended.

The making of the amendment will not result in the relevant requirements of Section 40(4) of the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended ceasing to be satisfied.

Signed,



Brian Meaney