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ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSING PROGRAMME	
TO:	Dara Lynott, Director
FROM:	Caitríona Collins, Inspector, Environmental Licensing Programme
DATE:	3 January 2017
RE:	Technical Amendment to Industrial Emissions Licence Register Number: W0286-01, held by The Recycling Village Limited, Unit 21, Duleek Business Park, Commons, Duleek, Co. Meath.

The Agency received a request on 7 March 2016 from The Recycling Village Limited, Licence Reg. No. W0286-01 to technically amend their Licence. The request relates to a request to relocate the storm water monitoring point.

This memo recommends that the change may be accommodated by a Technical Amendment, in accordance with Section 96(1)(b) of EPA Acts 1992, as amended.

1. Background

The Recycling Village Limited was granted a licence, Reg No. W0286-01, on 14 January 2015 for an installation located at Unit 21, Duleek Business Park, Commons, Duleek, Co. Meath. The installation is licenced under Classes 11.1, 11.2(d) and (f) and 11.6 of the First Schedule to the 1992 EPA Act as amended.

The licence for The Recycling Village Limited is for the recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment and waste batteries. The installation is authorised to accept 15,000 tonnes of such waste per annum.

2. Technical Amendment request

On the 7 March 2016, the Agency received a request for a Technical Amendment of IE licence W0286-01, in order to allow for the location of the storm water monitoring point to be changed. The licensee describes that the current monitoring location at SW1 represents the outlet from the oil/water separator which discharges storm water from the yard but does not account for run off from the rest of the site (car park and roof down pipes). Therefore the licensee is seeking that the storm water monitoring location be changed to SW4, which is at the final mixing location for all storm water before discharging from the site.

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

I have consulted with the OEE inspector, Rachel Griffith, in relation to this technical amendment request. The OEE confirmed that the proposed relocation of the storm water monitoring point cannot be accommodated under the existing licence.

4. Assessment

All monitoring undertaken should be representative of the conditions at the installation and parameters for which the control is in place. Relocating the storm water monitoring point to a location that captures the total mix of storm water discharging from the installation will result in a more representative and true sample of storm water being monitored, with a consequent environmental protection benefit.

5. Appropriate Assessment

Appendix 1 lists the European Sites assessed, their associated qualifying interests and conservation objectives.

A screening for Appropriate Assessment was undertaken to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the site, if the activity, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on any European Site. In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Sites at River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC (Site Code: 002299), River Boyne and River Blackwater SPA (Site Code: 004242), River Nanny Estuary and Shore SPA (Site Code: 004158) and Boyne Estuary SPA (Site Code: 004080).

The activity is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of any European Site and the Agency considered, for the reasons set out below, that it can be excluded, on the basis of objective information, that the activity, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on any European Site and accordingly determined that an Appropriate Assessment of the activity was not required.

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

- The facility is not located within the above listed European Sites.
- There will be no emissions of environmental significance from the activity.
- The activity will not result in damage to, or loss of, species and habitats of these European Sites.
- The technical amendment, as requested, will not change the nature of the consent.

6. Recommendation

This memo recommends that the requested changes be accommodated by a Technical Amendment of Licence W0286-01 (held by The Recycling Village Limited), in accordance with Section 96(1)(b) of the EPA Acts 1992 to 2013.

I recommend that the licence amendment be approved as set out in the attached Recommended Technical Amendment. The making of the amendment will not result in the relevant requirements of Section 83(5) of the EPA Acts 1992 to 2012 ceasing to be satisfied.

Signed,

Cartréne Collis

Inspector
Environmental Licensing Programme

Appendix 1: List of European Sites assessed, their associated qualifying interests and conservation objectives.

European Site (site code)	Distance/ Direction from installation	Qualifying interests (* denotes a priority habitat)	Conservation objectives
River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC (Site Code: 002299)	4 km north of the installation	Habitats: Alkaline fens Alluvial forests with <i>Alnus glutinosa</i> and <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i> (<i>Alno-Padion</i> , <i>Alnion incanae</i> , <i>Salicion albae</i>) Species: River Lamprey (<i>Lampetra fluviatilis</i>) Salmon (<i>Salmo salar</i>) Otter (<i>Lutra lutra</i>)	As per NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC [002299]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (dated 15/08/2016).
River Boyne and River Blackwater SPA (Site Code: 004232)	4 km north of the installation	Species: Kingfisher (<i>Alcedo atthis</i>)	As per NPWS (2016) Conservation objectives for River Boyne and River Blackwater SPA [004232]. Generic Version 5.0. Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (dated 15/08/2016).
River Nanny Estuary and Shore SPA (Site Code: 004158)	9.5 km east of the installation	Species: Oystercatcher (<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>) Ringed Plover (<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>) Golden Plover (<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>) Knot (<i>Calidris canutus</i>) Sanderling (<i>Calidris alba</i>) Herring Gull (<i>Larus argentatus</i>) Wetland and Waterbirds	As per NPWS (2012) Conservation objectives for River Nanny Estuary and Shore SPA [004158]. Generic Version 1.0. Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (dated 21/09/2012).
Boyne Estuary SPA (Site Code: 004080)	8 km northeast of the installation	Species: Shelduck (<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>) Oystercatcher (<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>) Golden Plover (<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>) Grey Plover (<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>) Lapwing (<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>) Knot (<i>Calidris canutus</i>) Sanderling (<i>Calidris alba</i>) Black-tailed Godwit (<i>Limosa limosa</i>) Redshank (<i>Tringa totanus</i>) Turnstone (<i>Arenaria interpres</i>) Little Tern (<i>Sterna albifrons</i>) Wetland and Waterbirds	As per NPWS (2013) Conservation objectives for Boyne Estuary SPA [004080]. Generic Version 1.0. Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (dated 26/02/2013).