

The EIS was requested by the Agency on the 27th March 2014 and it was subsequently submitted by the applicant in support of this IE licence application on the 26th May 2014.

4.2 Planning status

A number of planning applications have been made by the applicant for the proposed developments at the site of the activity since 2002. Details of these planning applications and permissions have been provided in the application.

Previous planning permissions associated with the installation attained by the applicant include register numbers: 01/4304, SA/20106, SA/20249, SA/30347, SA/60656, SA/900875, SA/140011 and SA/140429. Planning permission register numbers SA/60656, SA/900875, SA/140011 and SA/140429 relate to the activities requested in this licence review application and Meath County Council confirmed that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was not completed as part of these planning applications. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was submitted with the first application for planning permission (register number 01/4304); however, this information is not reflective of the processes detailed in the licence review application. The Agency requested an EIS to be submitted as part of the application under Section 87 (1I)(b) of the EPA Act 1992, as amended. This EIS was submitted on the 26th May 2014 and has not been previously submitted as part of any planning application for the installation. Having reviewed the previous planning permissions, it is considered that the EIS submitted with the licence application adequately identifies, describes and assesses the direct and indirect effects of the entire activity and that the EIS relating to previous planning permission register number 01/4304 is not required for the Agency's assessment.

Having specific regard to EIA, this report is intended to identify, describe and assess for the Agency the direct and indirect effects of the proposed activity on the environment, as respects the matters that come within the functions of the Agency, including any interaction between those effects and the related development forming part of the wider project, and to propose conclusions to the Agency in relation to such effects.

The EIS submitted, the licence application, the submissions and observations received from third parties, the assessment(s) carried out by the planning authority, consultation with the planning authority, the relevant planning decisions and any additional information submitted by the licensee have been examined and assessed and are considered below for that purpose.

4.3 Content of EIS and licence application

I have considered and examined the content of the licence application, the EIS and other relevant material submitted with it.

It was considered that the EIS and licence application did not adequately address the following areas and further information was sought under the Waste Management (Licensing) Regulations 2004 and Regulations 10(2)(b)(ii) and 11(2)(b) of the Environmental Protection Agency (Industrial Emissions)(Licensing) Regulations 2013:

1. Clarification on the location of emission and monitoring points;
2. Process flows for the SRF/RDF manufacturing process;
3. Odour abatement;
4. Air dispersion modelling and odour impact assessment;
5. Noise;
6. Measures to be taken during abnormal working conditions and to minimise pollution over long distances;
7. Impacts on cultural heritage;