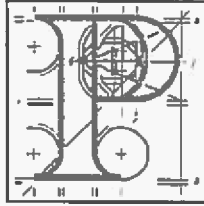


An Bord Pleanála



Ref.: 01.JA0032

Development: Development comprising the continued operation of landfilling activities which will allow the filling of the remaining constructed void space at Powerstown Landfill and an increase in the maximum annual waste input from 40,000 tonnes to 50,000 tonnes per annum at the existing non-hazardous waste landfill at Powerstown, Co. Carlow.

To: Section

From : Conor McGrath SPI

Date: 05/04/2012

Request for the views of the EPA on the adequacy of the information submitted on matters relating to emissions from the activity, in the context of the protection of the environment. Please issue the following letter to the Agency.

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála refers to the above-mentioned proposal for which an application for approval has been lodged with the Board by the local authority in accordance with section 175 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The application relates to a proposed development which comprises, or is for the purposes of an activity for which an integrated pollution control licence or a waste licence is required.

Copies of the relevant application documentation, including a copy of the Environmental Impact Statement prepared in respect of this application, have already been circulated to the Agency.

Under the provisions of section 175(10) of the said Act, the Board, before making a decision in respect of a proposed development comprising or for the purposes of an activity may request the Environmental Protection Agency to make observations in relation to the proposed development. Accordingly, the Board invites the Agency to make any observations in relation to the proposed development, and in particular in relation to the following:

- The adequacy of the information contained in the Environmental Impact Statement, relating to emissions from the proposed activity, including the proposed mitigation measures.
- The acceptability or otherwise of the residual impacts arising, as identified in the Environmental Impact Statement, when considered in the context of the control of emissions from the activity.
In particular, the agency is requested to comment on the status of investigations being undertaken into the nature, source and cause of elevated levels of conductivity, ammonia and chloride in groundwater, as referenced in section 13.3.6 of the EIS (p.128).
- Identify any relevant BAT guidance documents relating to the activities the subject of the current application, which would set out the best available techniques in relation to emissions therefrom.
- The Agency are requested to identify similar cases that they may have dealt with and reference any relevant conditions attaching to licences granted in such cases.
- Any other comments the Agency may wish to make in this case.

Accordingly, the Board invites you to make any observations you may have in relation to this proposed development not later than 5.30 p.m. on the
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If you have any queries in relation to the 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.

Conor Myrland
5/4/2012