

Our Ref: 01.JA0032

Your Ref:

Environmental Lic. Programme
Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Climate, Licensing &
Resource Use,
Regional Inspectorate,
Inniscarra
Co. Cork

10th April 2012

Re: Continued operation of landfilling activities and an increase in waste acceptance at Powerstown Landfill, Powerstown, Co. Carlow.

Dear Sir/Madam,

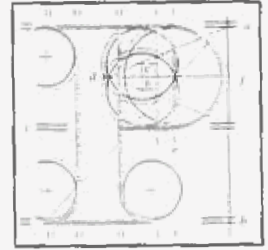
An Bord Pleanála refers to the above-mentioned proposal for which an application for approval has been lodged with the Board by the local authority in accordance with section 175 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The application relates to a proposed development which comprises or is for the purposes of an activity for which an integrated pollution prevention 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 reference in section 13.3.6 of the EIS (p.128) to investigations into the nature, source and cause of elevated levels of conductivity, ammonia and chloride in groundwater.
- 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.
- Identify similar cases that that the Agency 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.

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The Board invites the Agency to make any observations it may have in relation to this proposed development not later than 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 8th May, 2012.

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.

Yours faithfully,


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