It is proposed to accept and process 20,000 tonnes of non-hazardous household, commercial and industrial waste. This will require a review of the IE licence.

An application for an IE licence for an activity that involves the use, production or release of relevant hazardous substances (as defined in Section 3 of the EPA Act 1992 as amended), may require the preparation of a 'Baseline Report', the objective of which are to establish the status of soil and groundwater conditions at a site.

The existing operations involve the use of diesel, which is classified as a hazardous substance, however the proposed changes do not require either the provision of additional diesel storage tanks, or any new diesel handling procedures.

The entire site is and will remain either paved with concrete, or occupied by buildings that prevent infiltration to the subsoil. The proposed change does not involve any ground disturbance. At present there are no direct or indirect emissions to ground and the proposed change will not give rise to any new emissions. AES already carries out groundwater monitoring in three on-site wells as required by the current licence and the results are provided to the Agency.

In the context of the above a 'Baseline Report' is not required,