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Reg. No. H0456-01

Historic Landfill Certificate of Authorisation Application by Westmeath County Council in respect of Moate, Co Westmeath

Dear Mr Buckley

I am to acknowledge receipt on 25 September 2013 and 13 September 2018, of documents pertaining to your application for a Historic Landfill Certificate of Authorisation Application, Reg No H0456-01, by Westmeath County Council, in respect of Moate, Co Westmeath.

I am to advise you in accordance with Regulation 42(8)(a) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended that the Agency has made a determination that an Appropriate Assessment is not required as the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site(s). Notification of this determination is attached for your reference.

The application and associated correspondence, including acknowledgements, notifications and general correspondence are available to view on the Agency website at www.epa.ie. You are advised to refer to the website for information on the progress of the application.

Please direct any further correspondence in relation to this matter to Administration, Office of Environmental Sustainability, Environmental Protection Agency, Headquarters, P.O. Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate, County Wexford.

Yours sincerely



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Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

In accordance with Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations, 2011, S.I. No. 477 of 2011, the Agency has undertaken Appropriate Assessment screening 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 a European Site. In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Site listed below.

Licence/Permit Application Details:

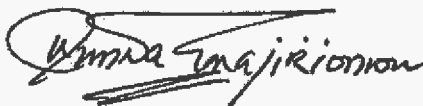
Reg. No.	H0456-01
Applicant Name:	Westmeath County Council
Location of Facility:	Moate, County Westmeath
Certificate of Authorisation Application Date:	26/09/2013
European Site assessed:	Clara Bog [SAC 000572]
Date of AA Screening Determination:	14/09/2018

AA Screening Determination:

That the activity is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site as a European Site and that it can be excluded on the basis of objective scientific information, that the activity, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on a European site, and accordingly the Agency determined that an Appropriate Assessment of the activity is not required.

The reason for this determination is as follows:

- The closest Natura 2000 site is the Clara Bog [SAC 000572] which is located approximately 8km south-east of the site. Given the distance from the Moate former landfill site, the proposed remedial works do not present any risk to the Clara Bog [SAC 000572].



Dr Magnus Amajirionwu
Office of Environmental Sustainability

Date: 14 / 09 / 2018