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Environmental Licensing Programme Memorandum	
To:	Eimear Cotter, Director
From:	Suzanne Wylde, Inspector, Environmental Licensing Programme
Date:	18 October 2018
RE:	Request for a Technical Amendment to an Industrial Emissions Licence Register Number W0020-02, held by Monaghan County Council for Scotch Corner Landfill.

Introduction

A waste licence (Register Number W0020-01) was first granted to Monaghan County Council by the Environmental Protection Agency on 7th December 2001 for operating a landfill and a materials recovery facility. A revised licence, for the purposes of meeting the requirements of the Landfill Directive, was issued by the Agency on 24th March 2010 (W0020-02). The licence was amended on 15th January 2013 (Technical Amendment A) and 26th March 2018 (Technical Amendment B). A technical amendment was issued by the Agency on 7th January 2014 giving effect to the requirements of the Industrial Emissions Directive (Directive 2010/75/EU). The landfill closed in October 2017. The materials recovery facility has continued in operation.

Request for Technical Amendment

Monaghan County Council have requested a technical amendment to the licence to remove the materials recovery facility and the civic amenity site (where the public bring black bag waste or household recyclables). The materials recovery facility and civic amenity site are currently operated by McElvaney Waste and Recycling. This essentially entails a reduction of the site boundary.

The licensee has not carried out an exit audit which is a prerequisite for removing part of a site from a licence, essentially reducing the site boundary. The Agency may require further sampling, monitoring and investigations to be carried out as part of the audit. The purpose of this being to ensure no negative impact on the environment as a result of deregulating a section of the licensed site.

Consultation with the Office of Environmental Enforcement (OEE)

I have consulted with the OEE in relation to this technical amendment request. The OEE confirmed that there are no legal proceedings in train in respect of this licence.

The Environmental Protection Agency prosecuted Monaghan County Council in June 2017 for failing to keep the appropriate records of waste departing the materials recovery facility and

failing to maintain a containment kerb around the compactor for unsegregated domestic waste.

Recommendation

I recommend that the requested amendment to reduce the site boundary be refused due to an absence of essential information required to make an informed decision.

Signed

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Suzanne Wyld
Environmental Licensing Programme