

Extract from the Minutes of the 939th Licensing Meeting of the Agency was held on 9 October 2018, in EPA Headquarters, Johnstown Castle Estate, County Wexford

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Directors Present: L Burke (Chair);
G O'Leary (Via Video Conference), M Crowe, M Lehane, E
Cotter & T Ryan

5. **Inspector's Addendum Report on an Application for a Technical Amendment to a Licence**

Licensee: **Galway County Council/East Galway Residual Landfill Site
Killagh More
Ballybaun (E.D. Killaan)
Ballintober (E.D. Killaan)
Ballinasloe
Co. Galway**

Register of Licence No: **W0178-02**

The Directors considered a recommendation from the Office of Environmental Sustainability that the Agency refuse a Technical Amendment to an Industrial Emissions Licence. The following documentation was submitted: Addendum Report of the Inspector dated 4 October 2018; Report of the Inspector dated 24 September 2018 and draft technical amendment document.

A copy of the licence application was available electronically.

Brian Meaney and David Flynn gave verbal presentations.

A screening decision for Appropriate Assessment was made by the Directors at the meeting. This decision was undertaken based on an assessment, 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 any European site. In this context, particular attention was paid to the European sites at Rahasane Turlough SAC [000322], Rahasane Turlough SPA [004089], Galway Bay Complex SAC [000268] and Inner Galway Bay SPA [004031].

The Directors observed that Table 2 of the Inspector's addendum report lists the European Sites assessed, their associated qualifying interests and conservation objectives.

The activity is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of any European site and the Agency considered, for the reasons set out below, that it can be excluded, on the basis of objective information, that the activity, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on any European site and accordingly determined that an Appropriate Assessment of the activity was not required. The reasons are as follows:

- The site of the landfill is drained by two streams that quickly converge and flow via the Roford and Kilcogan rivers some 46km to Galway Bay and the Galway Bay Complex SAC and Inner Galway Bay SPA.
- En route, at 36km, the Kilcogan River passes through the area covered by the Rahasane Turlough SAC and SPA.

- A monitoring station at Beech Hill Bridge, some 8.6 km downstream of the landfill on the Rafood River, shows a Q-value of 4 in 2015. The next station at Rafood Bridge, 13 km further downstream, shows a Q-value of 3-4 in 2015. There are a number of river confluences between these two stations. The next station downstream at Kilcolgan shows a Q-value of 4 in 2012.
- The Rafood and Kilcogan rivers nearest the landfill have a WFD ecological status of Good. Further downstream, the status is Moderate, improving to Good further on again.
- Overall there is no indication that the landfill is having a negative impact on downstream surface water bodies and, consequently, the downstream European sites.

Inspector's Reports

The Directors noted the inspector's reports, his recommendation and a draft technical amendment document.

Following discussion, the Directors decided to grant the licensee's request for a technical amendment to Galway County Council/East Galway Residual Landfill Site for their facility at Killagh More, Ballybaun (E.D. Killaan), Ballintober (E.D. Killaan), Ballinasloe, County Galway, Register of Licence No W0178-02 as per the draft technical amendment document prepared by the inspector, amended as set out below.

Draft Technical Amendment

Table A.4 Additional Waste Categories and Quantities

In the table amend "17,740 tonnes" to "18,000 tonnes".