

Attachment-6-3-10 EIA Project Threshold

Screening for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was addressed in Section 1.4.1 of the EIAR that accompanies this Waste Licence application.

The Planning & Development Regulations S.I. No. 600 of 2001, Schedule 5, Part 1 specifies projects requiring an EIA (reflecting Annex I of the EIA Directive), and Schedule 5, Part 2 specifies those projects where the Member state decides on the thresholds in terms of project scale, as to whether an EIA is required (reflecting Annex II of the EIA Directive).

Screening is the initial phase of the EIA process, whereby the proposed project is evaluated to determine if an EIA is required. Projects requiring EIA are listed in Part 1 and 2 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations (PDR) 2001. Part 1 lists projects for which an EIA is obligatory under European law (specified in Annex 1 of the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU). In contrast, Part 2 lists projects for which an EIA is required, based on criteria and/or thresholds determined by the Member State, Ireland in this case (reflecting Annex II of the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU).

The proposed soil recovery facility is covered under Section 11 of Part 2, of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations (PDR) 2001. Section 11 of Part 2 refers to "Other Projects"; specifically Clause (b) refers to "Installations for the disposal of waste with an annual intake greater than 25,000 tonnes not included in Part 1 of this Schedule."