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Ms. Julie McMahan
On behalf of Donegal County Council



8th March 2019

Reg. No.: W0062-02

Article 14(2)(b)(ii) of the Waste Management (Licensing) Regulations, in respect of a licence review from Donegal County Council for a facility located at Churchtown Landfill, Churchtown, Lifford, Donegal

Dear Madam,

I refer to the application for a licence received by the EPA on 26th May 2017.

Having examined the documentation submitted, I am to advise that the Agency is of the view that the documentation does not comply with the above mentioned legislation. You are therefore requested, in accordance with the regulations, to supply the information detailed below.

ARTICLE 12 COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. Class D1 of the Waste Management Act 1996, as amended, has been identified in the application as the principal class of activity, however, the newspaper notice and site notice state that Class D4 is the principal activity. Clarify which is the principal activity and ensure that appropriate licence application fee has been submitted to the Agency in respect of this activity.
2. State whether the purchase of the site, which is the subject of the licence application, has been completed and Donegal County Council is now the owner of the site.
3. Submit a drawing showing the site boundary. The site boundary should be outlined as a continuous red line surrounding the entire facility.
4. Explain how storm water arising from the site is managed. Include a drawing showing the storm water discharge locations.
5. Submit the hydrological risk assessment referred to in Attachment E.4 of the application.
6. Provide a drawing that clearly shows the flow of the pumped landfill leachate through the willow plantation and the ponds. Include the locations where the treated landfill leachate discharges to the surface water channels and locations where the treated effluent discharges to the River Finn. Include symbols and grid coordinates (6E, 6N) for each discharge location.
7. Provide monitoring of water quality in the River Finn at locations upstream and downstream of the discharges from the facility. Include a 95% flow rate (m³/s) in the receiving water.
8. Submit monitoring results of the discharged effluent at all locations where the treated effluent leaves the facility. Include the maximum daily flow rate (m³/day) for each discharge location.

9. Submit results of groundwater monitoring referred to in Attachment F.5 of the application.
10. Provide details on proposed methods and frequency for removal of heavy metals contained in the detritus and necromass of the wetland system.
11. The Non-Technical Summary states that Class D4 of the activity would include placement of sludgy discards into pits, pond or lagoons. Clarify whether it is proposed to accept any sludge or any other waste from off-site sources.

A screening for Appropriate Assessment was undertaken on 1st March 2019 and the Agency determined that an Appropriate Assessment of the activity is required.

You are thereby required to submit a Natura Impact Statement, as defined in Regulation 2(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended.


You are furthermore advised to refer to the document '*Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland – Guidance for Planning Authorities*', issued in 2009 by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, and revised in 2010. This document is available on the National Parks & Wildlife Survive website at:
http://www.npws.ie/sites/default/files/publications/pdf/NPWS_2009_AA_Guidance.pdf

In addition to the above, please also provide an updated **non-technical summary** to reflect the information provided in your reply, insofar as that information impinges on the non-technical summary.

In the case where any drawings already submitted are subject to revision consequent on this request, a revised drawing should be prepared in each case. It is not sufficient to annotate the original drawing with a textual correction. Where such revised drawings are submitted, provide a list of drawing titles, drawing numbers and revision status, which correlates the revised drawings with the superseded versions.

Your response to this request is to be submitted via EDEN ***within six weeks of the date of this notice***. Guidance on how to use this portal is available on the EPA website at <http://www.epa.ie/pubs/forms/lic/industrial%20emissions/licenceapplicationformguidance.html>.

Yours sincerely,



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