

Summary Emergency Response Procedure

There have been no accidents/incidents during the operation of this facility. The site does not have any existing liabilities such as contaminated land/groundwater.

The raw materials stored onsite include animal feed, water, LPG, diesel and veterinary medicines. The animal feed, water and diesel are stored in specialist tanks while veterinary medicines will be stored in a designated refrigerator or cabinet. All storage tanks on the site have been manufactured to a high specification to ensure the prevention of accidents.

Feed and water will be transported around the site via dedicated piping infrastructure. The automated feeding system, ventilation and heating systems were installed and continue to be maintained by specialist professionals and include alarms to alert staff in the event of a malfunction. A standby generator will be in place for use in the event of a stoppage in supply from the electricity mains.

The wastes that will be produced include domestic refuse, used veterinary medicine containers, used veterinary needles, animal tissue and pig manure. What waste products will be sorted appropriately in leak proof containment and will be disposed of appropriately.

In the event of an incident occurring an investigation will be immediately carried out to investigate the nature, source and cause of the incident and any emission that may arise as a result. The source of the emission will then be isolated, measures to minimise the effects of an emission and the cause identified and rectified. The date, time and place of the incident will be recorded, and the EPA and other relevant authorities will be notified.

A documented Emergency Response Procedure is in place for the site. The Emergency response procedure sets out contact numbers for relevant personnel on site in the event of an emergency. The contact numbers of contractors and specialist technicians that may be required in an emergency are also set out on the document. It also includes contact numbers for local Gardai, fire brigade and doctors. The procedure is displayed at the facility and a register is in place on site to record any emergency events that may occur. The Emergency Response Procedure is reviewed on a routine basis.

If a Class A disease outbreak were to occur, the unit would come under the control of the veterinary section of the Department of Agriculture. The herd are of defined high health status (DHHS) with routine veterinary inspections to confirm the DHHS declaration.

Fire extinguishers are installed in the facility and all staff members have been instructed on the safety procedure in the event of a fire as detailed on the farm safety statement. In the event of a fire occurring that cannot be safely brough under control by staff members the emergency services will be alerted.