

# EPA Application Form

## 9.1 Environmental Management Techniques - Attachment

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Ashleigh Farms Ltd

**Application I.D.:**

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**Amendments to this Application Form Attachment**

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## **9 Environmental Management Techniques <sup>1</sup>**

### **9.1. Accident Prevention Measures**

#### **Measures to prevent accidental emissions and liabilities**

Incidents and accidents are unplanned events. Emissions from incidents and (major) accidents usually occur within a relatively short time frame but with greater intensity than under normal operating conditions. Incidents such as fire or fuel spillages can result in liabilities such as contaminated soil and groundwater. Proactive risk management reduces the potential for an incident.

Abnormal operating conditions must be managed without endangering human health and harming the environment, and in particular without risk to water, air, soil, plants or animals, without causing a nuisance through noise or odours, and without adversely affecting the countryside or places of special interest.

The applicant must firstly undertake a risk assessment in accordance with EPA guidance on assessing and costing environmental liabilities. Having identified the key risks, the applicant should populate the following table with the measures to be taken to treat the key risks, e.g., bunding, integrity testing, fire prevention, etc.

The range of measures is dependent on the complexity of the site. Pollution prevention measures may, inter alia, include the following information:

- Conclusions on BAT set out in the EU Reference document on BAT on emissions from storage such as a safety management system; corrosion prevention measures on tanks, etc.
- Details of storage of all raw materials, products and wastes such as segregation, labelling, designation and impervious surface;
- Details of spill or emergency containment measures and structures such as bunds, high level alarms, absorbent materials;
- Details of fire detection and fire-water retention facilities in the event of emergencies or other measures to contain fire-water;
- Details of transport of material within the site, solid, liquid or sludge transported by pipe, vehicle or conveyor; etc.,
- The Agency has published a guidance document on Fire-Water Retention Facilities and on the Storage and transfer of materials.

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<sup>1</sup> This part of the form collects information on environmental management at the installation/ facility. It seeks to understand the maturity of the management system in terms of knowledge of abnormal operating conditions, prevention and early detection measures and emergency response procedures. The level of detail required in this part of form relates to the environmental risk posed.

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Describe in the table below existing and/or proposed measures, including emergency procedures, to minimise the impact on the environment of an accidental emission or spillage. (This table should include the measures to be taken under abnormal operating conditions, including start-up, shutdown, leaks, malfunctions, breakdowns and momentary stoppages that will demonstrate that any emission arising will not cause significant environmental pollution)<sup>2</sup>.

Measure	Surveillance Measures		
	Description	Frequency of Surveillance	Method / Standard
Soiled Water Tank Inspections	Leak detection system	Continuous	Automated System
Storm Water discharge monitoring	Storm Water Inspections	Weekly	Visual
Storm Water discharge monitoring	Storm Water Inspections	COD or BOD	Quarterly
Groundwater Monitoring	Groundwater Sampling	Total NH <sub>3</sub> , Nitrate, Faecal coliforms, E coli and Enterococci	Annually

\*add rows to the table as necessary

<sup>2</sup> Information relating to the integrity, impermeability and recent testing of pipes, tanks and bund areas should be included.

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Outline what provisions have been made to ensure an adequate response to emergency situations outside of normal working hours, i.e., during night-time, weekends and holiday periods (attach additional pages to this document if required):

All essential systems (feeding, ventilation etc) are automated. Applicant lives in close proximity to the site for fast responsiveness should an emergency situation arise.

### Soil Monitoring Points

Periodic monitoring of soil and groundwater is required having regard to the possibility of soil and groundwater contamination of the site<sup>3</sup>.

Complete the table below with details of soil monitoring locations and in particular where a baseline report has been/is required in accordance with Section 86B of the EPA Act 1992 as amended.

Is periodic soil monitoring proposed at the installation/facility? (Yes/No) No

Soil Monitoring Point Code	Monitoring Point Grid Ref.	
	Easting <sup>4</sup>	Northing <sup>5</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Inherent in the monitoring of soil and groundwater is accepting the possible necessity for remediation of the soil / groundwater. Regular monitoring of soil and groundwater provides an early detection of any contaminations.

<sup>4</sup> Six Digit GPS Irish National Grid Reference

<sup>5</sup> Six Digit GPS Irish National Grid Reference



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#### Soil Parameters

Complete the table below with details of soil monitoring parameters (where a baseline report is required in accordance with Section 86B of the EPA Act 1992 as amended). (If different parameters are associated with different monitoring points this should also be identified in the table below.)

Parameter	Unit	Trigger Level	How was the trigger level determined?	Proposed Monitoring Frequency	Sample Method	Analysis Method / Technique

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\*add rows to the table as necessary



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#### Groundwater Monitoring Points

Based on the assessment(s) carried out previously or as part of this licence application, complete the table below with summary details of the groundwater monitoring points.

Is groundwater monitoring proposed at the installation/facility? (Yes/No):

Monitoring Point Code	Monitoring Point Grid Ref.	
	Easting <sup>6</sup>	Northing <sup>7</sup>
GW 1	616253	594908
GW 2	616238	594622
GW 3	616410	594603

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<sup>6</sup> Six Digit GPS Irish National Grid Reference  
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### Costed Environmental Liabilities Risk Assessment (ELRA)

Indicate if the activity, through pre-application meeting with the Agency or other means, is required to submit a costed ELRA<sup>8</sup> as part of the licence, or licence review application.

Costed Environmental Liabilities Risk Assessment (ELRA) required to be submitted? (Yes/No):

If 'Yes', upload a costed Environmental Liabilities Risk Assessment (ELRA), prepared in accordance with the *Environmental Protection Agency's Guidance on Assessing and Costing Environmental Liabilities* (2014) (select Document Type: 'ELRA' in the application form).

Costed **ELRA** document filename:

Indicate your preferred form of financial provision instrument to meet ELRA costings have regard to the Environmental Protection Agency's Guidance on Financial Provision (2015), e.g., Environmental Liability Insurance:

Upload a financial provision proposal have regard to the Environmental Protection Agency's Guidance on Financial Provision (2015) (where required at application /review application stage) (select Document Type: 'Financial Provision Proposal' in the application form)

**Financial Provision Proposal** filename:

<sup>8</sup> There is an explicit requirement in EU and Irish law for financial provision for certain activities. The following categories of activities have an ELRA/CRAMP/FP requirement:

1. Landfills (excl. closed L.A. Landfills closed before 16<sup>th</sup> July 2009)
2. CAT A Extractive Waste Facilities
3. High Risk Contaminated Land Facilities
4. All Haz-Waste Transfer Stations
5. Non-Haz WTS (Accepting >50,000 tons/annum)
6. Incineration (incl. co-incineration of hazardous waste)
7. Upper & Lower Tier Seveso Sites
8. Exceptional circumstances associated with the site, e.g., significant ground/groundwater contamination.

Regard should be had by applicants to relevant Agency guidance on these matters.

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### Closure, Restoration and Aftercare Management Plan (CRAMP)

A restoration/aftercare period will be required where there are on-going environmental liabilities following closure. Applicants are required to describe the existing or proposed measures to avoid any risk of environmental pollution and to return the site to a satisfactory state or the state established in the baseline report where applicable, after the activity or part of the activity ceases operation.

A key measure is the preparation of a Closure, Restoration and Aftercare Management Plan (CRAMP) by the operator, for certain activities<sup>9</sup>. Notwithstanding the requirements of the EC Environmental Objectives (Groundwater) Regulations 2010, S.I. No. 9 of 2010, the closure and restoration/ aftercare target is the site condition at the time of the original application or the baseline report. The applicant shall have regard to the Environmental Protection Agency's Guidance on Assessing and Costing Environmental Liabilities (2014) in the preparation of the CRAMP.

Upload a CRAMP, where applicable (select Document Type: '**Site Closure**' in the application form).

CRAMP filename:

n/a

### Costed CRAMP

Indicate if the activity, through pre-application meeting with the Agency or other means, is required to have a CRAMP<sup>9</sup> submitted as part of the licence, or licence review application.

<sup>9</sup> There is an explicit requirement in EU and Irish law for financial provision for certain activities. The applicant shall have regard to the Environmental Protection Agency's Guidance in determining CRAMP requirements and on Financial Provision (2015) in making financial provision to cover any liabilities.

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CRAMP required to be submitted at application/licence review application stage? (Yes/No):

No

Indicate your preferred form of financial provision instrument to meet CRAMP costings (where appropriate), e.g., Secured fund, On-demand performance Bond, Parent Company Guarantee, Charge on Property (have regard to the Environmental Protection Agency's Guidance on Financial Provision (2015) on the Agency's website):

State preferred form of financial provision instrument? n/a

Upload a financial provision proposal (where required) having regard to the Environmental Protection Agency's Guidance on Financial Provision (2015) in making financial provision to cover any liabilities (select Document Type: **Financial Provision Proposal** in the application form)

Financial Provision Proposal filename:

n/a

### Cessation of Activity

Where a CRAMP is not required, describe the measures to be taken on and following the permanent cessation of the activity or part of the activity to avoid any risk of environmental pollution and to return the site of the activity to a satisfactory state. (Input your response in the text box below or attach the information in to this attachment).

There are no unusual liabilities on the site such as contaminated land or groundwater. In the event of the enterprise having to cease operation then all pig feeding, pig production, pig manure production and waste production would also have ceased. There would be inputs still in stock such as feed in feed bins, natural gas in tank and medicines in store as well as there would be pigs in house and pig manure in tanks. There would also potentially be some of the wastes present, including fallen animals, veterinary waste etc.

Waste material would be removed to the approved contractors as would be the case during normal operation of the enterprise. Saleable pigs would be sold to pork processing factories or to other pig producers for finishing or as breeding stock. All remaining feed, natural gas and medicines would be returned/sold back to their respective suppliers.

All vacated pig buildings would be washed clean and all dirty water would be spread on farmland with the pig manure in compliance with S.I. No 31 of 2014. The unit would be left standing after making it secure and there would be no adverse impact on the environment. It is very unlikely that such a situation will arise due to the high initial capital investment in developing the unit.

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### Emergency Response Procedure

Do you have an emergency response procedure (ERP)? (Yes/No)

**Yes (see  
summary  
doc upload)**

Is the ERP compliant with the EPA guidance? (Yes/No)

**Yes**

### 9.2. Nuisance

Complete the table below in relation to each potential nuisance. Identify if the activity may cause or contribute to the type of nuisance in the area of the installation/facility and, where applicable, identify the techniques used to prevent/minimise the nuisance.

Type of Nuisance	Applicable to the activity? (Yes/No/ Not Applicable)	Techniques to prevent nuisances	Where nuisances cannot be prevented, techniques to be used to minimise and reduce nuisances
Odour	Y	Good operational practices, appropriate manure management. Maintain the site in a clean and tidy manner. Implementation of Odour Management Plan	
Fire Control	N		
Dust	Y	Good operational practices, appropriate manure management. Maintain the site in a clean and tidy manner.	
Litter	N		
Birds	N		
Mud	N		
Flies	Y	Good operational practices, appropriate manure management. Maintain the site in a clean and tidy manner.	
Vermin	Y	Good operational practices, appropriate manure management. Maintain the site in a clean and tidy manner.	
Other			

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If 'Other' is selected define the other nuisance(s):

**Note:** Odour must also be addressed in the fugitive emissions section of the '7.4 Emissions to Atmosphere – Main and Fugitive' template, where applicable.

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#### 9.3. Environmental Management System (EMS)

Do you have an environmental management system? (Yes/No)

No

If 'Yes', is the environmental management system accredited? (Yes/No)

n/a

State the date accreditation was achieved or is expected to be achieved, where applicable:

n/a

State the standard of accreditation achieved:

n/a

#### Energy Efficiency

Outline the measures taken to ensure that energy is used efficiently having regard to the relevant decision on BAT conclusions and/or BAT guidance and where appropriate, an energy audit with reference to the EPA Guidance document on Energy Audit should be carried out.

A full energy audit was conducted in 2019. Audit described energy load of farm infrastructure.

Summary energy usage (as % of overall usage):

- Ventilation + Lighting: 48.3%
- Feeding system: 17.4%
- Electric heat pads: 12.18%
- Heat pumps: 8.81%
- Air compressors: 6.12%
- Water pumps: 2.39%
- Other: 4.8%

The following recommendations were implemented or are planned:

- Fix air leaks on feed system has been completed
- Fix water leaks on heating and feed systems has been completed
- Ongoing review building thermal fabric
- Ongoing up-grade Anaerobic digester for production of renewable heat and electricity for farm

Has an energy audit been carried out? (Yes/No)

Yes

Do you have an energy efficiency management system? (Yes/No)

Yes

If 'Yes', is the energy efficiency management system accredited? (Yes/No)

No

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State the date accreditation was achieved or is expected to be achieved, where applicable:

n/a

State the standard of accreditation achieved:

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### **9.4. Hours of Operation**

Provide details of the hours of operation for the installation (hours and days per week, etc.), including:

(a) Proposed hours of operation.

**Production at the site is continuous, the presence of operative staff and deliveries/collections will normally be between 0800 – 1700. Ventilation and feeding operations to operate continuously onsite.**

(b) Proposed hours of construction and development works and timeframes.

**Mon – Fri 0800 - 1700**

(c) For waste activities, the proposed hours of waste acceptance.

**n/a**

(d) Any other relevant hours of operation expected (e.g., waste handling, etc.).

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### 9.5. Review of a Licence

Where the Office of Environmental Enforcement (OEE) has agreed any variations or adjustments to the conditions or schedules of the existing licence, the licensee must provide details of these agreed variations and adjustments to the existing licence conditions in the table that follows.

An updated, scaled drawing of the site layout (no larger than A3) providing visual information on such adjustments or variations where appropriate should be uploaded in the **site tab** – 'site plan(s)' upload.

In the case of once-off assessments/reports required under conditions/schedules of the existing licence the licensee must provide details of those assessments/reports that have been completed and agreed with the OEE or as otherwise agreed, in the table below.

Condition/ Schedule No.	Existing Condition	OEE Agreement Reference	Description

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