

## OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

## **ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSING PROGRAMME**

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Application by Kildare County Council for a Certificate of Authorisation for a RE:

closed landfill at Greenhills (Former Refuse Depot) Landfill, Greenhills, Athy,

County Kildare. Certificate of Authorisation Register Number H0208-01.

A Draft Certificate of Authorisation issued to Kildare County Council on 3 June 2021, in accordance with the Waste Management (Certificate of Historic Unlicensed Waste Disposal and Recovery Activity) Regulations 2008, for the closed landfill at Greenhills (Former Refuse Depot) Landfill, Greenhills, Athy, County Kildare, Certificate of Authorisation Register Number H0208-01.

## 1. Background

On 6 July 2021 the Environmental Protection Agency received an email from Kildare County Council stating that the Draft Certificate of Authorisation was issued to the incorrect person in the Environment Section of Kildare County Council. This contact person is no longer employed by Kildare County Council. The Agency was informed of the new contact person on 23 March 2021. The incorrect contact name in Kildare County Council was used when preparing the letter to the local authority that accompanied the proposed decision.

Kildare County Council has advised that they received the Draft Certificate of Authorisation on 6 July 2021 which is after the deadline date of 2 July 2021 for receipt of representations. Kildare County Council has requested that an extra two weeks be given to consider the Draft Certificate of Authorisation.

The deadline date for the receipt of representations was dated 2 July 2021. The Agency did not receive any representations by this deadline date.

## 2. Recommendation

After consulting with Caitriona Collins, Senior Inspector and Ray Cullinane, Senior Manager it was agreed that it would be procedurally correct to reissue the Draft Certificate of Authorisation as there is no mechanism in the legislation to extend the time for submission of representations.

It is proposed to add a step to the admin checklist ensuring that the contact name is taken from the database and not from the website so this error can be avoided in the future.

This memo recommends that the Draft Certificate of Authorisation be reissued to Kildare County Council giving a new deadline 30 days for the receipt of a representation.

Signed,

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