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## Closed Landfill Recommended Certificate of Authorisation

<b>Certificate of Authorisation Number:</b>	H0223-01
<b>Certification of Authorisation Holder:</b>	Kildare County Council
<b>Name of Facility:</b>	<b>Digby Bridge Landfill</b>
<b>Location of Facility:</b>	Digby Bridge, Barrettstown, Sallins County Kildare

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## Glossary of Terms

All terms in this Certificate of Authorisation should be interpreted in accordance with the definitions in the Waste Management (Certification of Historic Unlicensed Waste Disposal and Recovery Activity) Regulations 2008 (S.I. No. 524 of 2008) unless otherwise defined in the Certificate of Authorisation.

<b>Agency</b>	Environmental Protection Agency.
<b>Agreement</b>	Agreement in writing.
<b>Annually</b>	At approximately twelve-monthly intervals.
<b>Application</b>	The application by the local authority for this Certificate of Authorisation including the risk assessment, any amendments to the risk assessment, additional information received from the local authority and other documents provided by the local authority.
<b>Certificate of Authorisation</b>	Includes this document and the application.
<b>Closed Landfill</b>	As defined in the Waste Management (Certification of Historic Unlicensed Waste Disposal and Recovery Activity) Regulations 2008.
<b>Code of Practice</b>	As defined in the Waste Management (Certification of Historic Unlicensed Waste Disposal and Recovery Activity) Regulations 2008.
<b>Biannually</b>	All or part of a period of six consecutive months.
<b>Documentation</b>	Any report, record, results, data, drawing, proposal, interpretation or other document in written or electronic form which is required by this Certificate of Authorisation.
<b>Drawing</b>	Any reference to a drawing or drawing number means a drawing or drawing number contained in the application, unless otherwise specified in this Certificate of Authorisation.
<b>Environmental Pollution</b>	As defined in the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended.
<b>Heavy Metals</b>	This term is to be interpreted as set out in “Parameters of Water Quality, Interpretation and Standards” published by the Agency in 2001. ISBN 1-84095-015-3.

<b>Incident</b>	<p>The following shall constitute an incident for the purposes of this Certificate of Authorisation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) an emergency;</li><li>(ii) any emission which does not comply with the requirements of this Certificate of Authorisation;</li><li><b>(iii) malfunction or breakdown of key environmental abatement, control or monitoring equipment;</b></li><li>(iv) any trigger level specified in this Certificate of Authorisation which is attained or exceeded; and</li><li>(v) any indication that environmental pollution has, or may have, taken place.</li></ul>
<b>Inert Waste</b>	<p>Waste that does not undergo any significant physical, chemical or biological transformations. Inert waste will not dissolve, burn or otherwise physically or chemically react, biodegrade or adversely affect other matter with which it comes into contact in a way likely to give rise to environmental pollution or harm human health. The total leachability and pollutant content of the waste and the ecotoxicity of the leachate must be insignificant, and in particular not endanger the quality of surface water and/or groundwater.</p>
<b>Maintain</b>	<p>Keep in a fit state, including such regular inspection, servicing, calibration and repair as may be necessary to perform its function adequately.</p>
<b>Necessary Measures</b>	<p>As defined in the Waste Management (Certification of Historic Unlicensed Waste Disposal and Recovery Activity) Regulations 2008.</p>
<b>Relevant Heavy Metals</b>	<p>Heavy metals for analysis shall include, as a minimum, those metals identified as relevant, having regard to the risk assessment and surface water and groundwater monitoring results as required by this Certificate of Authorisation.</p>
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	<p>As defined in the Waste Management (Certification of Historic Unlicensed Waste Disposal and Recovery Activity) Regulations 2008.</p>
<b>Sample</b>	<p>Unless the context of this document indicates to the contrary, the term sample or samples shall include measurements taken by electronic instruments.</p>
<b>Status</b>	<p>As defined in the Water Framework Directive, in relation to surface water and groundwater.</p>
<b>The Local Authority</b>	<p><b>Kildare County Council, Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, County Kildare.</b></p>
<b>Trigger Level</b>	<p>A parameter value, the achievement or exceedance of which requires certain actions to be taken by the local authority.</p>

## Part I Authorisation of a Closed Landfill

The Environmental Protection Agency (the Agency) proposes to grant, under Regulation 7(5) of the Waste Management (Certification of Historic Unlicensed Waste Disposal and Recovery Activity) Regulations 2008 (the Regulations), this Certificate of Authorisation to **Kildare County Council, Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, County Kildare**, in respect of the closed landfill at **Digby Bridge, Barrettstown, Sallins, County Kildare**, subject to conditions set out in Part II and the Reasons for the Decision in Part III of this Certificate of Authorisation.

## Part II Conditions

### Condition 1. Scope

- 1.1 For the purposes of this Certificate of Authorisation, the closed landfill authorised by this Certificate of Authorisation is the area of land outlined in yellow on Drawing titled **'Figure 2: Site Investigation'** (drawing date **08/05/2020**) submitted with the application. Any reference in this Certificate of Authorisation to "closed landfill" shall mean the area thus outlined in yellow.
- 1.2 No waste shall be accepted at the closed landfill.
- 1.3 No waste shall be burned at the closed landfill.
- 1.4 The facility shall be controlled, operated and maintained, and emissions shall take place as authorised by this Certificate of Authorisation. No material change that will result in an increase in the actual or potential nature or quantity of any emission shall be carried out or commenced without the agreement of the Agency.
- 1.5 Nothing in this Certificate of Authorisation shall prohibit authorised beneficial uses of the site of the closed landfill provided that such uses do not interfere with the integrity of the remediation measures adopted.
- 1.6 **The Risk Assessment for the site shall be re-evaluated and provided to the Agency in the event of future developments or changes in land use at the site.**

<b>Reason:</b> <i>To clarify the scope of this Certificate of Authorisation.</i>
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## Condition 2. Notifications, Records and Reports

- 2.1 The local authority shall notify the Agency, in a format as may be specified by the Agency, 2 months in advance of the intended date of commencement of the remediation works.
- 2.2 The local authority shall notify the Agency as soon as practicable after the occurrence of any incident. The incident notification shall be provided in a format as may be specified in relevant guidance issued by the Agency.
- 2.3 The local authority shall keep the following documents available for inspection by the Agency at all reasonable times and to members of the public by request:
  - (a) Records of all sampling, analyses, measurements, examinations, calibrations and maintenance;
  - (b) Records of incidents;
  - (c) Records of all complaints of an environmental nature;
  - (d) The validation report prepared on completion of the remediation; and
  - (e) Other documentation required by this Certificate of Authorisation or as may be otherwise directed by the Agency.
- 2.4 The local authority shall assign the necessary resources, including financial, to complete the remediation measures specified in this Certificate of Authorisation and risk assessment and to respond to any incident.
- 2.5 The local authority shall annually pay to the Agency €1,083, or such sum as the Agency from time to time determines in accordance with charges policy, for the performance of its functions under the Waste Management (Certification of Historic Unlicensed Waste Disposal and Recovery Activity) Regulations 2008 in relation to the closed landfill regulated by this Certificate of Authorisation.

**Reason:** *To provide for the collection and reporting of adequate information on the activity. To provide for adequate resources for monitoring and measures to protect the environment.*

### Condition 3. Management and Monitoring

3.1 The local authority shall implement, **unless otherwise agreed by the Agency**, the following measures within **24** months of the date of grant of this Certificate of Authorisation:

- (a) Minimise the disturbance of deposited waste to the extent possible;
- (b) Install a low permeability landfill cap **over the entire waste body**, minimum 1m, with 1mm thick low permeability geomembrane, or equivalent, to achieve a hydraulic conductivity of less than or equal to  $1 \times 10^{-9}$  m/s.

**The landfill cap shall incorporate the following elements installed in accordance with the EPA Landfill Manuals – Landfill Site Design and its design shall be agreed by the Agency prior to installation:**

- (i) **Gas drainage layer; and**
- (ii) **Water drainage layer. Uncontaminated surface water drained from the water drainage layer shall discharge to an appropriate local drain, ditch or soakaway.**
- (c) **Install and operate a gas management system, as specified below. The design and layout of the gas management system shall be approved by the Agency prior to installation.**

The gas management system shall include the following elements:

- (i) **Gas collection wells;**
  - **Install three additional gas collection wells MW-17, MW-18 and MW-19 as per Drawing titled ‘Figure 1: Gas Remedial Plan’ (drawing date 11/05/2020); and**
  - **Spacing between the gas collection wells shall be in accordance with the EPA Landfill Manuals – Landfill Site Design.**
- (ii) **Gas collection pipe network connecting, as a minimum, the following gas wells to the gas flare, installed as required under Condition 3.1(c)(iii):**
  - **The existing wells MW-05, MW-07A, MW-08A, MW-09, MW-10, MW-11, MW-12, MW-13, MW-14, MW-15, MW-16; and**
  - **The additional wells MW-17, MW-18 and MW-19, as required under Condition 3.1(c)(i).**

(iii) **Gas flare**

**The flare shall be enclosed and shall comply with the emission limits in *Schedule A: Emission Limits*, of this Certificate of Authorisation.**

**The enclosed gas flare shall be designed having regard to the EPA Air Guidance Note (AG7) on Landfill Flare and Engine**

**Management and Monitoring.** The enclosed gas flare shall meet following requirements:

- **As a minimum, unless otherwise agreed by the Agency, the facility shall provide for a gas flaring capacity of 750m<sup>3</sup>/hr along with suitable backup provisions in the event of equipment breakdown;**
- **Flare unit efficiency shall be tested upon installation, upon commencement of landfill gas combustion and once every three years thereafter.**
- **The combustion air supply to the enclosed gas flare shall be controlled so as to achieve a minimum temperature of 1,000°C and 0.3 seconds retention time.**

(iv) **Gas interception trenches, or other appropriate method, between the waste body and the relevant buildings including domestic dwellings. The locations of the gas interception trenches, or other appropriate method, shall be agreed by the Agency.**

The gas interception trenches shall include the following elements:

- **The base of the gas interception trench shall be constructed at the maximum depth of the deposited waste;**
- **The gas interception trench shall be filled with gravel and have a high-density polyethylene (HDPE) liner installed on the building side of the trench;**

(v) **Any infrastructure as may be required in accordance with Condition 3.1(e).**

On agreement by the Agency, the gas **management system infrastructure**, may be removed or altered in accordance with any recommendations arising from the **gas pumping trial** in accordance with Condition 3.1(d);

- (d) The local authority shall, within **12** months of the date of grant of this Certificate of Authorisation, carry out a gas pumping trial **with a temporary gas flare**, for the purpose of determining the quantity and quality of landfill gas;
- (e) The local authority shall implement any recommendations arising from the **gas pumping trial, as agreed by the Agency;**
- (f) **Surface water from the drainage ditch, where the monitoring point SW-03 is located, shall be prevented from running onto the surface of the road and shall discharge instead to an appropriate local drain, ditch or soakaway.**
- (g) Reseed grass within the site.

### 3.2 Site Notice Board

- (a) The local authority shall, within one month of the date of grant of this Certificate of Authorisation and for the duration of the remediation works, provide a Site Notice Board on the closed landfill site so that it is legible



to persons outside the main entrance to the closed landfill site. The minimum dimensions of the board shall be 1200 mm by 750 mm.

- (b) The board shall clearly show:
- (i) The name of the Certificate of Authorisation holder;
  - (ii) The name of the closed landfill site;
  - (iii) The Certificate of Authorisation reference number;
  - (iv) The contact telephone in relation to the closed landfill site; and
  - (v) Where information relating to the closed landfill site can be obtained.
- 3.3 The local authority shall manage the closed landfill **and the remedial works** to ensure that discharges and emissions from the closed landfill do not cause environmental pollution or deterioration in the status of the receiving surface water body or groundwater body.
- 3.4 The local authority shall carry out appropriate monitoring on a biannual basis to identify any impact on the quality of water abstracted at wells downgradient of the landfill.
- 3.5 The local authority shall compile a validation report in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Practice. Unless otherwise agreed, the validation report shall be submitted to the Agency within **36** months of the date of grant of this Certificate of Authorisation.
- 3.6 The local authority shall assess the results of all monitoring carried out to confirm whether the closed landfill continues to achieve the objectives set for it in the risk assessment or this Certificate of Authorisation.
- 3.7 The local authority shall submit to the Agency, by the 31<sup>st</sup> March of each year, an annual update covering the previous calendar year. This update, which shall be to the satisfaction of the Agency, shall include as a minimum the information specified in Condition 3.9 of this Certificate of Authorisation.
- 3.8 **The local authority shall, within 30 months of the date of grant of this Certificate of Authorisation, submit a drawing showing the following elements interpolated:**
- (a) **Extent of the waste body and the area capped, as required under Condition 3.1(b);**
  - (b) **The locations of the gas management system infrastructure, as required under Condition 3.1(c); and**
  - (c) **All monitoring points for landfill gas, leachate, groundwater and surface water.**
- 3.9 The local authority shall conduct, record **and assess:**
- (a) A visual inspection of the landfill, **on an annual basis**, to ensure that the condition of the site has not deteriorated;
  - (b) Monitoring for leachate (sample, analyse, characterise, and measure the level of leachate), **including leachate levels, on a quarterly basis in the existing** leachate monitoring wells **MW-09, MW-10, MW-11, MW-12, MW-13, MW-14, MW-15 and MW-16**. The monitoring shall, as a minimum, include the following parameters: Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) (mg O<sub>2</sub>/l), Total Ammonia (mg N/l), Ammonium (µg/l N),

Molybdate Reactive Phosphorus (MRP) ( $\mu\text{g P/l}$ ), **Electrical Conductivity** ( $\mu\text{S/cm}$ ), **Arsenic** ( $\mu\text{g/l}$ ), **Calcium** ( $\text{mg/l}$ ), **Manganese** ( $\mu\text{g/l}$ ), **Nickel** ( $\mu\text{g/l}$ ), **Potassium** ( $\text{mg/l}$ ), **Sodium** ( $\text{mg/l}$ ), **Cyanide** ( $\mu\text{g/l}$ ), **Tributyltin** ( $\mu\text{g/l}$ ), **Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons** ( $\mu\text{g/l}$ ) and relevant Heavy Metals;

(c) **Monitoring of landfill gas as follows:**

(i) **Monitoring on a quarterly basis**, to detect the presence and concentration of landfill gas, **including gas flow**, in the following monitoring locations:

- **The existing monitoring wells within the waste body: MW-09, MW-10, MW-11, MW-12, MW-13, MW-14, MW-15 and MW-16;**
- **The additional monitoring wells within the waste body: MW-17, MW-18 and MW-19, as required under Condition 3.1(c);**
- **The existing monitoring wells outside the waste body: MW-01, MW-02, MW-03, MW-04, MW-05, MW-06, MW-07A and WM-08A; and**
- **Additional gas monitoring wells, as may be required, between the waste body and relevant buildings including domestic dwellings.**

(ii) **Monitoring of the gas flare as follows:**

**On the inlet:**

- **Continuous monitoring of the flow rate of incoming landfill gas, Methane ( $\text{CH}_4$  %v/v), Carbon Dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2$  %v/v) and Oxygen ( $\text{O}_2$  %v/v);**

**Process Parameters:**

- **Continuous monitoring of combustion temperature;**

**On the outlet:**

- **Continuous monitoring of the flow rate and Carbon Monoxide (CO); and**
- **Annual monitoring of Nitrogen Oxides (mg  $\text{NO}_x$ ) and Sulphur Dioxide ( $\text{SO}_2$ ), Total Organic Carbon (TOC  $\text{mg/m}^3$ ), Hydrochloric Acid (HCl) and Hydrogen Fluoride (HF).**

(iii) **Landfill gas monitoring shall be carried out in accordance with the EPA Landfill Manuals - Landfill Monitoring and the EPA Guidance Note on Landfill Flare and Engine Management and Monitoring (AG7), including any subsequent amendments.**

(iv) **Landfill gas monitoring results shall be assessed and reported against the following:**

- **The trigger levels, for landfill gas measured at the monitoring wells, as set out in the EPA Landfill Manuals - Landfill Monitoring:**
  - **Methane, greater than or equal to 1.0% v/v; and**

- **Carbon dioxide, greater than or equal to 1.5% v/v.**
  - **The emission limit values, for the gas flare, as set out in *Schedule A: Emission Limits*.**
- (d) Monitoring (sample, analyse and characterise) on a **quarterly** basis of **surface water from the following locations:**
- (i) **Grand Canal at the upstream monitoring location SW-02 and the downstream monitoring location SW-01; and**
  - (ii) **Drainage ditch monitoring point SW-03.**
- The monitoring shall, as a minimum, include **Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) (mg O<sub>2</sub>/l), Total Ammonia (mg N/l), Molybdate Reactive Phosphorus (MRP) (mg P/l), Chromium (µg/l), Cyanide (µg/l), Lead (µg/l), Mercury (µg/l), Cadmium (µg/l), Tributyltin (µg/l), Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (µg/l)** and other relevant parameters listed in European Communities Environmental Objectives (Surface Waters) Regulations 2009, as amended; **and**
- (e) Monitoring (sample, analyse and characterise) on a **quarterly** basis of groundwater, **including groundwater levels**, from the **following locations:**
- (i) **upgradient** groundwater monitoring wells: **MW-01, MW-02, MW-03; and**
  - (ii) **downgradient** groundwater monitoring wells: **MW-04, MW-05, MW-06, MW-07 and MW-08.**
- The monitoring shall, as a minimum, include the following parameters: **Electrical Conductivity (µS/cm), Ammonium (µg N/l), Chloride (mg/l), Cyanide (µg/l), Molybdate Reactive Phosphorus (µg P/l), Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (µg/l), Faecal Coliforms (cfu/100ml) and Total Coliforms (cfu/100ml)** and other relevant parameters listed in European Communities Environmental Objectives (Groundwater) Regulations 2010, as amended, and EPA Interim Guideline Values (IGV).
- (f) **Screening of groundwater for trace organic substances, on an annual basis, in accordance with the EPA Landfill Manuals – Landfill Monitoring and any subsequent amendments.**
- (g) **The sensitivity of the monitoring methods utilised for monitoring under Condition 3.9 shall have an appropriate limit of detection to allow for comparison of pollutant concentrations against the relevant trigger levels, emission limit values and/or standard reference values or parametric values as set out in Condition 3.9 and Schedule A.**
- (h) The assessment **and reporting** of monitoring results **for leachate, surface water and groundwater** against trigger levels and/or standard reference values or parametric values for relevant pollutants including environmental quality standards in the European Communities Environmental Objectives (Surface Waters) Regulations 2009, as amended, European Communities Environmental Objectives (Groundwater) Regulations 2010, as amended, EPA Interim Guideline Values (IGV) and European Union (Drinking Water) Regulations 2014, as amended.

- 3.10 **The local authority shall carry out a monthly review of the gas management system, including operational status, number of wells connected and unconnected to the landfill gas collection system if relevant, quantity of gas collected and flared, estimated quantity of landfill gas being produced and details of any problems with equipment.**
- 3.11 **The local authority shall, on a quarterly basis, beginning immediately after the installation of the landfill cap required under Condition 3.1(b) and the gas management system required under Condition 3.1(c), for a period of one year and thereafter if required by the Agency, complete indoor and outdoor air monitoring for Methane and Carbon Dioxide in all relevant buildings including domestic dwellings. The monitoring results shall be compared against a relevant air quality standard.**
- 3.12 The location, frequency, **timeframes**, methods and scope of monitoring, **visual inspections**, sampling and analyses **and reporting requirements** as set out in this Certificate of Authorisation, may be amended with the agreement of the Agency following evaluation of test results **and/or relevant proposals**.
- 3.13 Soil and stone
- 3.13.1 Soil and stone imported for use in remedial, corrective or other engineering works at the closed landfill shall be greenfield soil and stone or soil and stone of equivalent nature and character in terms of chemical and physical contamination.
- 3.13.2 Documented acceptance, storage/stockpiling and utilisation procedures shall be operational in advance of receipt of such materials. Records shall be maintained showing the site of origin of the soil and stone and its nature.
- 3.14 No emissions, including odours and noise, from works carried on at the site shall result in an impairment of, or an interference with amenities or the environment beyond the facility boundary or any other legitimate uses of the environment beyond the facility boundary.
- 3.15 The local authority shall ensure, at all times after the grant of this Certificate of Authorisation, that all infrastructure and all equipment required under this Certificate of Authorisation has been and is:
- (i) installed;
  - (ii) commissioned;
  - (iii) present on site;
  - (iv) functioning at all times (except during maintenance and calibration);**  
**and**
  - (v) **calibrated and** maintained in full working order.

**In the event of the malfunction of any abatement equipment or continuous monitor, the local authority shall notify the Agency as soon as practicable, and alternative abatement and monitoring facilities shall be put in place. The use of alternative equipment, other than in emergency situations, shall be as approved by the Agency.**

- 3.16 The local authority shall ensure that the closed landfill does not result in an impairment of, or an interference with, amenities or the environment at the facility or beyond the facility boundary (including those arising from emissions (including **landfill gas**, odours, noise, dust, litter and mud), vermin and birds).
- 3.17 Wells and boreholes
- 3.17.1 Groundwater monitoring wells shall be constructed having regard to the guidance given in the Agency's landfill manual "Landfill Monitoring" **and any subsequent amendments.**
- 3.17.2 All wellheads shall be adequately protected to prevent contamination or physical damage.
- 3.17.3 All wells and boreholes shall be adequately sealed to prevent surface contamination and, as may be appropriate, decommissioned according to the UK Environment Agency guidelines "Decommissioning Redundant Boreholes and Wells", unless otherwise agreed by the Agency.
- 3.18 The local authority shall clearly label and provide safe and permanent access to all on-site sampling, monitoring **and emission** points and to off-site points as required by the risk assessment or this Certificate of Authorisation. The requirement with regard to off-site points is subject to the prior agreement of the landowners concerned.
- 3.19 Incidents
- In the event of an incident the local authority shall immediately:
- (a) If necessary, contact the emergency services;
  - (b) Carry out an investigation to identify the nature, source and cause of the incident and any emission arising therefrom;
  - (c) Isolate the source of any such emission;
  - (d) Evaluate the environmental pollution, if any, caused by the incident;
  - (e) Identify and execute measures to minimise the emissions/malfunction and the effects thereof;
  - (f) **Restore compliance in the shortest possible time and carry out any preventative actions to prevent recurrence of the incident;**
  - (g) Identify the date, time and place of the incident; and
  - (h) Notify the Agency (in accordance with Condition 2.2) and all other relevant authorities including, where relevant, the Water Services Authority and Inland Fisheries Ireland.
- 3.20 Communications Programme
- 3.20.1 The Certificate of Authorisation holder shall establish, maintain and implement a Communications Programme to ensure that members of the

public can obtain information from the local authority concerning the closed landfill.

3.20.2 The Communications Programme shall inform members of the public what they can and should do to protect their property and health.

3.20.3 The local authority shall, as part of the Communications Programme, publish landfill gas, landfill leachate, **groundwater and surface water** monitoring data biannually in a manner accessible by the public.

**Reason:** *To make provision for the proper closure of the activity ensuring protection of the environment.*

## Part III: Schedules

### Schedule A: Emission Limits

#### *Emission Limit Values for Landfill Gas Flare*

<b>Emission Point reference:</b>	<b>Landfill gas flare</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Landfill gas flare stack</b>
<b>Maximum volume to be emitted (m<sup>3</sup>/hr):</b>	<b>To be agreed by the Agency following the pumping trial as required under Condition 3.1(d).</b>
<b>Minimum discharge height (m):</b>	<b>To be agreed by the Agency.</b>

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Emission Limit Value</b> <small>Notes 1 &amp; 2</small>
<b>Nitrogen oxides as (NO<sub>2</sub>)</b>	<b>150 mg/m<sup>3</sup></b>
<b>Carbon monoxide (CO)</b>	<b>50 mg/m<sup>3</sup></b>
<b>Total Organic Carbon (TOC)</b>	<b>10mg/m<sup>3</sup></b>
<b>Hydrogen Chloride (HCl)</b>	<b>50 mg/m<sup>3</sup> at mass flow &gt; 0.3 kg/hr</b>
<b>Hydrogen Fluoride (HF)</b>	<b>5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> at mass flow &gt; 0.05 kg/hr</b>

**Note 1:** These emission limit values may be revised with the agreement of the Agency on the basis of the technology employed.

**Note 2:** The concentration limits for emissions to atmosphere shall be achieved without the introduction of dilution air and shall be based on gas volumes under standard conditions of Temperature 273 K, pressure 101.3 kPa and dry gas at 3% oxygen.

## Schedule B: Reasons for the Decision

In proposing to grant this Certificate of Authorisation, the Agency determines that the risk assessment submitted by the local authority as part of the application for a Certificate of Authorisation is adequate. To ensure appropriate protection for human health and the environment and to ensure conformity with the provisions of Council Directive 2008/98/EC and Council Directive 2006/118/EC, the conditions set out in Part II of this Certificate of Authorisation are specified as further necessary measures in addition to those identified by the risk assessment.

A screening for Appropriate Assessment was undertaken to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the site, if the activity, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on any European Site. In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Sites at North Dublin Bay SAC (site code: 000206), North Bull Island SPA (site code: 004006), South Dublin Bay SAC (site code: 000210), South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA (site code: 004024), Ballynafagh Bog SAC (site code: 000391), Ballynafagh Lake SAC (site code: 001387), Mouds Bog SAC (site code: 002331), Pollardstown Fen SAC (site code: 000396), Red Bog, Kildare SAC (site code: 000397) and Poulaphouca Reservoir SPA (site code: 004063).

The activity is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of any European Site and the Agency considered, for the reasons set out below, that it can be excluded, on the basis of objective information, that the activity, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on any European Site and accordingly determined that an Appropriate Assessment of the activity was not required.

The reasons for this determination are as follows:

- Groundwater flowing beneath the site discharges into the Liffey River (waterbody code: IE\_EA\_09L011500) which ultimately forms the Liffey Estuary Lower transitional waterbody (waterbody code: IE\_EA\_090\_0300). However the designated sites, linked via the transitional waterbody, are located 50km or further downstream of the site (North Dublin Bay SAC (site code: 000206), North Bull Island SPA (site code: 004006), South Dublin Bay SAC (site code: 000210) and South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA (site code: 004024)). Given the distance from the site, the closed landfill does not present a risk to the qualifying interests of the listed European Sites.
- There is no hydrological connection between the closed landfill and the remaining European Sites: Ballynafagh Bog SAC (site code: 000391), Ballynafagh Lake SAC (site code: 001387), Mouds Bog SAC (site code: 002331), Pollardstown Fen SAC (site code: 000396), Red Bog, Kildare SAC (site code: 000397) and Poulaphouca Reservoir SPA (site code: 004063).



