



**OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
SUSTAINABILITY**

**INSPECTOR'S REPORT ON AN APPLICATION  
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORISATION  
FOR A CLOSED LANDFILL**

<b>TO:</b>	Programme Manager	
<b>FROM:</b>	Ewa Babiarczyk, Inspector	Circular Economy Programme
<b>DATE:</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	
<b>RE:</b>	<b>Withdrawal of Application</b> by <b>Galway County Council</b> for a Certificate of Authorisation for a landfill at <b>Shore Road Landfill, Shore Road, Clifden, County Galway.</b> Certificate of Authorisation Application Register Number <b>H0175-01.</b>	

## 1. Introduction

This Inspector's Report concerns the receipt of confirmation from Galway County Council of the operational time period for the Shore Road Landfill for which a certificate of authorisation (CoA) application (Reg. No. H0175-01) was received on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

## 2. Assessment

Upon the initial assessment of the application, it was noted that the operational period for the landfill as stated in the application is from 1920s to late 1960s. This indicates that the landfill operated outside the time period specified in the definition for a closed landfill in the Waste Management (Certification of Historic Unlicensed Waste Disposal and Recovery Activity) Regulations 2008 (S.I. No. 524 of 2008).

The Regulations define a Closed Landfill as:

*"a landfill site operated by a local authority for the recovery or disposal of waste without a waste licence on any date between 15 July 1977 and 27 March 1997 (i.e. prior to the entry into force of the Waste Management (Licensing) Regulations, 1997 (S.I. No. 133 of 1997))"*

The operational dates given in the application suggested that the site is not defined as a Closed Landfill in accordance with the Regulations and consequently, is not required to have a Certificate of Authorisation.

The Agency issued a notice to the applicant on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021, requesting the applicant to confirm whether the operational period for the landfill, as stated in the Application Form, is correct. The applicant's response dated 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022 states that, following further investigations, Galway County Council concluded that the landfill did not operate beyond 1976 and therefore did not operate on any date between 15<sup>th</sup> July 1977 and 27<sup>th</sup> March 1997.

Accordingly, it has been determined that the site is not defined as a Closed Landfill in accordance with the Regulations and that the application for a CoA should be withdrawn by the applicant. It is therefore recommended that the Agency formally advises the applicant to

withdraw their application and to request a refund of the fee of €5,000 paid in respect of the application Reg. No. H0175-01.

### **3. Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Agency advises the applicant to withdraw the application for a CoA and to request a refund of the fee submitted.

Signed:



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Ewa Babiarczyk  
Inspector