



**OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
SUSTAINABILITY**

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

TO:	Programme Manager	
FROM:	Ewa Babiarczyk, Inspector	Circular Economy Programme
DATE:	28 th November 2023	
RE:	Withdrawal of Application by Limerick City & County Council for a Certificate of Authorisation for a landfill at St. Mary's Park Landfill, St. Munchin's Street, King's Island, Limerick, County Limerick. Certificate of Authorisation Application Register Number H0005-01.	

1. Introduction

This Inspector's Report concerns the receipt of confirmation from Limerick City & County Council on 11th September 2023 that the application for a certificate of authorisation (CoA) for St. Mary's Park Landfill (Reg. No. H0005-01) received on 1st August 2012 was submitted in error.

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 1990's to 2010. 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 (from 1990's to 2010) 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 25th August 2023, 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 11th September 2023 states that St. Mary's landfill was an illegal landfill and that the application for a certificate of authorisation (CoA) for St. Mary's Park Landfill (Reg. No. H0005-01) was submitted in error. The correspondence also states that remediation works were carried out in 2015 and all waste has been removed from the site.

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. H0005-01.

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:



Ewa Babiarczyk
Inspector