

Environmental Licensing Programme
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EPA LICENCE REF: W310-01

Dear Licensing Programme,

I write this note in an attempt to ascertain the licensing status of my EPA Licence application EPA Ref W310-01 which has been under consideration since 22/10/2021. I must convey to the Agency the fact that this prolonged affair is a cause of great stress to myself and my family in that we have no inkling as to where our application is at. When we contacted the Agency we were told that they were understaffed and that our application was not a priority case and therefore was not being assessed at present. It was inferred that we were not on a list at present and that the application may not be processed withing the calendar year.

A number of factors are now pressing in relation to the licence application. The primary factor is that the planning permission for the facility was designed to take in a certain amount of material each year in order to affect a full and finished project at the end (100,000T of soil and stone). With the passing of each year without a licence (almost 3 years since we applied) the likelihood of being able to finish the project on the back end without additional licensing or planning permission is diminishing.

We also have a clause within our planning permission which states that the facility must commence within 5 years of the date of the grant of the planning permission. This date albeit 2 years away is contingent upon a licence being issued and the time is fast approaching.

The third point is the vast amount of money spent in order to get the planning permission in the first instance and also the money spent to make the licence application. Having spent that money and to be sitting in no-mans-land is a source of great stress for our family at present. We feel we can neither move forwards or backwards at present.

I would be grateful for any response in relation to our application that might alleviate the stressful situation we find ourselves in.

I look forward to hearing from you shortly

Yours Faithfully

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