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On behalf of Indaver Ireland Limited

04 December 2024

Reg. No. W0167-04

**Re: Appropriate Assessment in respect of a licence review from Indaver Ireland Limited in respect of the installation located at Carranstown, Duleek, Meath**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I refer to your application for a licence review in respect of the installation located at Carranstown, Duleek, Meath.

I am to advise you in accordance with Regulation 42(8)(a) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, that the EPA has made a determination that an Appropriate Assessment is required as the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is likely to have a significant effect on European site. Notification of this determination is attached for your reference. The EPA acknowledges receipt of a Natura Impact Statement, submitted on 14 July 2023.

In carrying out an Appropriate Assessment the EPA shall take into account each of the matters specified in Regulation 42(12) of the European Communities (Birds and Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, where applicable.

The EPA shall publish a Notice for Public Consultation on Appropriate Assessment under Regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended.

Submissions or observations on a licence application can be made to the Agency in relation to Appropriate Assessment as set out in the notice for public consultation.

The application and all associated correspondence including the notice for public consultation are available to view on the EPA website at [www.epa.ie](http://www.epa.ie). You are advised to refer to the website for information on the progress of the application.

If you have any further queries, please contact [licensing@epa.ie](mailto:licensing@epa.ie).

Yours Sincerely,

Noelle Crimmins O'Leary

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## Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

In accordance with Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, the Agency has undertaken Appropriate Assessment screening to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the site, if the activities, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on European Sites. In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Sites listed below.

### Consent Details:

<b>Reg. No.</b>	W0167-04
<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Indaver Ireland Limited
<b>Type of Consent Sought:</b>	IEL
<b>Location of installation:</b>	Carranstown, Duleek, Meath
<b>Licence Review Application Date:</b>	14 July 2023
<b>European Site(s) assessed:</b>	River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC (Site code: 002299)
	River Boyne and River Blackwater SPA (Site code: 004232)
	Boyne Coast and Estuary SAC (Site code: 001957)
	Boyne Estuary SPA (Site code: 004080)
	River Nanny Estuary and Shore SPA (Site code: 004158)
	North-West Irish Sea SPA (Site code: 004236)
<b>Date of AA Screening Determination:</b>	04 December 2024

### AA Screening Determination:

That the activities are not directly connected with or necessary to the management of any European site and that it cannot be excluded, on the basis of objective information, that the activities 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 activities is required. It is noted that a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) was submitted as part of the IE licence application.

This determination has been made in light of the following reasons:

- Due to the nature and scale of the activities and the proximity to European Sites. The closest European Site is the River Boyne and River Blackwater SAC (Site code: 002299).
- Due to the hydrological connection to River Nanny Estuary and Shore SPA (Site code: 004158) and the North-West Irish Sea SPA (Site code: 004236), and the potential significant effects on its qualifying interests. Storm water discharges to a semi-dry ditch which drains to the Cruicerath stream, and subsequently to the River Nanny (IE\_EA\_08N010700).
- There will be emissions to air of nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>). The emissions to air will give rise to ambient air concentrations that could adversely impact qualifying interest habitats and species at European Sites. There is also the potential for effects on sensitive habitats within European Sites due to deposition.
- A number of European Sites are considered to be within the zone of influence for noise emissions associated with operational activities and there is the potential for effects on qualifying interest species due to disturbance.
- Taking all of the foregoing into account it is considered that significant effects on European Sites and their qualifying interests cannot be ruled out at the screening stage and based on the precautionary principle this determination is that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is required.

Information in relation to European Sites is available on [www.npws.ie](http://www.npws.ie)

Documents relating to the licence review are available on the Agency's website at [www.epa.ie](http://www.epa.ie)



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