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**Re: Control & Operation of Dublin Waste to Energy Limited's (DWtE) Facility, Industrial Emission Licence Registration Number W0232-01 during commissioning and commercial activities.**

Dear Mr Ó Muirí,

I refer to our previous correspondence regarding your invite to EPA to attend a meeting of Dublin City Council's Environment Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) regarding the commissioning of the Dublin Waste to Energy (DWtE) Facility in Poolbeg. As you are aware the EPA was not in a position to attend that meeting however I would like to provide you with a further update on the site's commissioning.

As you may be aware the facility is expected to commence waste acceptance in the next few weeks with the first incineration of waste taking place soon after. The EPA has assigned inspectors from the regional enforcement team in Dublin and national air and waste enforcement teams to ensure that commissioning and on-going operation is carried out in compliance with the licence conditions. Since commencement of construction works in 2016, the EPA has conducted regular site visits to observe construction of the facility and to evaluate the commissioning phase. In addition the EPA has had considerable engagement with the licensee to ensure that all aspects of the licence which are required to be in place prior to waste acceptance are submitted, assessed and/or approved as necessary by the EPA.

The EPA has recently agreed the test programme for the commissioning phase. The purpose of the test programme is to verify that the incinerator is operated and maintained so that air emissions are in compliance with the licence. The EPA will be closely monitoring the activity at this site to evaluate compliance with licence conditions as DWtE implements the test programme during the commissioning phase (currently estimated between March and July 2017).

As previously advised all site visit and monitoring reports are now published on the EPA website and can be viewed under the relevant licence search pages. The full enforcement file can be viewed at the EPA's office in Dublin at the address above. In addition DWtE is required under the licence to have a Public Awareness and Communications Programme in place and I understand that this is being progressed by the licensee.

I trust the above update is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

  
Gerard O'Leary, Director  
Office of Environmental Enforcement

