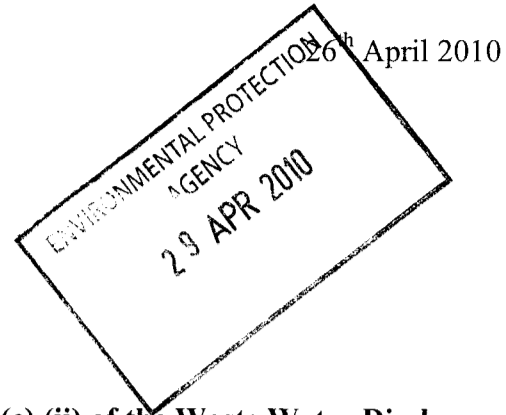




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Re: Notice in accordance with Regulation 25(c) (ii) of the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007.

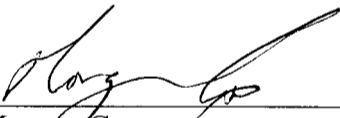
Dear Dr.Creed

I refer to your letter of 7th April 2010 re: Notice in accordance with Regulation 25(c) (ii) of the Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations 2007, in particular, the requirement to carry out an appropriate assessment. The waste water treatment plants (WWTPs) referred to in the correspondence were constructed prior to September 2008 and publication of DoEH&LG circular L8/08. This circular relates to the prevention of planning and implementation delays of new developments included in the current Water Services Investment Programme / Rural Water Programme. All of the WWTPs listed in the Agency's letter of 7th April 2010 are existing with no proposed upgrade works.

Therefore, I wish to seek clarification that the requirements set out in the circular are applicable to sites that were previously developed and that Westmeath County Council are required to complete an Appropriate Assessment Report in accordance with Circular L8/08.

In the event that you confirm that Appropriate Assessment Reports are required, Westmeath County Council note the proposed deadline of 4 weeks from the date of your correspondence, which is due to expire on the 5th May, 2010. As outlined above there appears to be no statutory basis for the completion of an Appropriate Assessment Report for these existing developments. Completion of six appropriate assessments will place a considerable burden on the resources available to the Council ie staff and finances. Due to the nature of the information requested, Westmeath County Council would require a further 12 weeks to collate, analyse and submit the requested data for six certification applications, giving a new submission date of the 30th June, 2010.

Yours faithfully,


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