



**OFFICE OF CLIMATE, LICENSING &
RESOURCE USE.**

**INSPECTORS REPORT ON A WASTE WATER DISCHARGE
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORISATION APPLICATION**

To: Frank Clinton, Programme Manager

From: Yvonne Furlong Environmental Licensing Programme

Date: 29 September 2010

RE: Application for a Waste Water Discharge Authorisation from Meath County Council, for the agglomeration named Batterstown, Reg. No. A0063-01

Schedule of Discharge Authorised:	Discharges from agglomerations with a population equivalent less than 500
Certificate of Authorisation Application Received:	22 December 2009
Submissions Received:	None

This application relates to the Batterstown agglomeration in County Meath. The agglomeration currently has a population equivalent (p.e.) of 30. The agglomeration is serviced by one waste water treatment plant (WWTP). The WWTP provides secondary treatment, consisting of a septic tank and a constructed percolation area (peat based percolation area) and has a design capacity of 60p.e.

The WWTP discharges to a tributary of the Tolka River (EA_Tolka167_TolkaTRIB_Batterstown). Based on the nearest EPA water quality monitoring station, 10 km downstream, the biological Q-value is 3-4 (sampled in 2007).

There are no designated or protected areas downstream (i.e. drinking water abstractions, bathing waters, shellfish waters, salmonid waters or *Margaritifera margaritifera*) of the discharges from the agglomeration. Condition 3.3 of the Recommended Certificate of Authorisation (RCOA) states that the discharges from the waste water works shall not cause a deterioration in the status of the receiving surface water body.

The receiving water has been identified as being less than good status (biological Q-value <4). It is acknowledged that the discharges from the agglomeration may not be the only cause of the waterbody being less than good status. The RCOA states that within twelve months the authorisation holder shall identify appropriate improvements to the sewerage system,

including a waste water treatment system necessary to ensure all discharges from the agglomeration contribute towards achieving at least good status in accordance with the European Communities Environmental Objectives (Surface Waters) Regulations 2009 and/or the European Communities Environmental Objectives (Groundwater) Regulations 2010.

The certificate of authorisation applicant was required to complete a screening of the potential impact of the discharges from the agglomeration on the designated European Sites downstream of the agglomeration, where the screening identified a likely significant impact on a European site the applicant was required to complete an appropriate assessment. The certificate of authorisation applicant carried out a screening which identified that the discharges was not likely to have a significant impact on a European site.

The discharges from the agglomeration are considered not likely to have a significant impact on the receiving waterbody subject to the Certificate of Authorisation Holder complying with the conditions of the RCOA

Recommendation

I recommend that a Final Certificate of Authorisation be issued subject to the conditions and for the reasons as set out in the attached Recommended Certificate of Authorisation.

Signed

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