

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

<b>To:</b>	Frank Clinton, Programme Manager, ELP	
<b>From:</b>	Yvonne English	<b>Environmental Licensing Programme</b>
<b>Date:</b>	7 February 2011	
<b>Re:</b>	Application for a Waste Water Discharge Authorisation from Meath County Council, for the agglomeration named Ardcath, Reg. No. A0017-01.	

Application Details	
Schedule of Discharge Authorised:	Discharges from agglomerations with a population equivalent less than 500
Certificate of Authorisation Application Received:	22 December 2009
Submission(s) Received:	No

This application relates to the Ardcath agglomeration in County Meath. The agglomeration currently has a population equivalent (p.e.) of 49. The agglomeration is serviced by one waste water treatment plant (WWTP). The WWTP provides secondary treatment, consisting of a septic tank, filtration and percolation, and has a design capacity of 60 p.e.

The WWTP discharges to ground (Duleek ground water body - IE\_EA\_G\_012). Based on the nearest EPA water quality monitoring station, the groundwater was classified as good status in 2009.

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

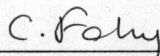
The certificate of authorisation applicant was required to complete a screening of the potential impact of the discharge(s) from the agglomeration on the designated European Site(s) downstream of the agglomeration. The certificate of authorisation applicant carried out a screening which identified that the discharge(s) was not likely to have a significant impact on a European site.

The discharge(s) 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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pp Yvonne English  
Inspector  
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