

Circular Announcement letter to Local Authorities dated: 4/12/2012

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is developing an end-to-end licensing, enforcement, monitoring and reporting application (LEMA). This is part of a strategic programme to promote efficient and effective work practices, information sharing and improved communications with all licensed facilities. The programme is being delivered via a modular approach.

On **January 21, 2013** the Agency intends to launch the extension of the web portal **EDEN** (**E**nvironmental **D**ata **E**xchange **N**etwork) for the reporting and managing compliance for local authorities which hold an EPA waste license. **This will have a significant impact on Local authority waste licensees.** The EDEN portal is already in use by local authority Water Services Authorities (WSAs) for reporting and managing compliance with wastewater discharge authorizations

Key Benefits of the EDEN portal to licensees:

This reporting and compliance management system will streamline reporting, facilitate information sharing, and greatly improve our level of services with licensed facilities. The following **key advantages** available to licensed facilities will include:

- A dedicated web portal for license compliance management
- Two-way flow of information between EPA and licensed facilities using effective communications
- Reduction in administrative workload for licensees as they will only have to submit an electronic version of reports
- Licensees will be able to view the status of their submission(s) in real time (i.e. what has been approved, what is under assessment, etc.).

Phased development:

It is intended to develop a complete system that will provide for all Agency licensing and enforcement requirements. The system is a tiered platform with the application having the capacity for extension in the future. Phase 1 will consist of the following:

1. Secure login and user access facilities for all existing licensed facilities to the EDEN portal for waste licensees (public) (and ALDER portal for IPPC and waste (private sector) licensed facilities)
2. Submission of correspondence by licensees (e.g. compliance monitoring data, requests for approval, license reports and site update information)
3. Incident reporting and management by licensees via a dedicated "Incident Notification" web form and associated views
4. Viewing and managing complaints received by EPA
5. Viewing and responding to actions created by the EPA for the licensed facility in respect of achieving compliance with their license (e.g. corrective and preventative actions to resolve compliance issues)
6. Viewing EPA generated reports such as EPA inspection and monitoring reports

Future phases will cater for a greater range of report types including the Annual Environmental Report.

Further Information and Guidance:

A comprehensive range of supports will be announced in the coming weeks concerning guidance, training and a dedicated helpdesk facility to optimise ease of use of the new web portal. An EDEN support page is also currently available on: <https://www.edenireland.ie/Help/index.html> to provide information on the new system.

Further electronic communication will issue closer to the launch date concerning use of the new web reporting portal. We request all local authority waste licensees to work with the EDEN system when it is launched in January and the EPA appreciates your co-operation in the launch of this new system which we consider to be of significant benefit to all stakeholders.

If you have any queries please direct them to: edenenforcementsupport@epa.ie

Best Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kieran O'Brien', written in a cursive style.

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