

WATER 09

MOVING FROM PLANNING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY

Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill, Galway
Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th June 2009

Day 1 Wednesday 10 June 2009 (morning)

08.30 Registration - Tea/Coffee

Session 1 Setting the Scene

CHAIRPERSON: **Mark Griffin**, Assistant Secretary, Department of Environment Heritage and Local Government

09.15 – 09.45 Global Perspective of Climate Change and Water Resources
David King, Non-Executive Director, UK Energy Saving Trust, former Director of Water management, UK Environment Agency

09.45 – 10.15 Delivering on Enforcement Priorities for Water
Dara Lynott, Director, Office of Environmental Enforcement, EPA

10.15 – 10.45 Providing Local Authority Environment Infrastructure
Jack Keyes, County Manager, Cavan County Council

10.45 – 11.10 Panel Discussion

11.10 – 11.40 Tea/Coffee

Session 2 – New Developments

CHAIRPERSON: **Gerry Galvin**, Principal Advisor, Department of Environment Heritage and Local Government

11.40 – 12.05 New HSE Guidance on Drinking Water
Dr Kevin Kelleher, Health Service Executive

12.05 – 12.30 Contaminants of emerging concern in the Irish aquatic environment
Professor Martin Cormican, Health Service Executive and NUI Galway

12.30 – 12.45 Panel Discussion

12.45 – 14.00 Lunch

Day 1 Wednesday 10 June 2009 (afternoon)

Session 3 – Legislation to Action

CHAIRPERSON: **Ray O'Dwyer**, Waterford County Manager, Waterford County Council

- 14.00 – 14.25 Good Agricultural Practices, Regulations Update and Farm Inspection Protocol
Damian Allen, Principal Officer, Department of Environment Heritage and Local Government
- 14.25 – 14.50 Municipal Waste Water Licensing Up-date
Frank Clinton, Programme Manager, Office of Climate Change, Licensing & Resources, EPA
- 14.50 – 15.15 Code of Practice on Single House Treatment
Margaret Keegan, Inspector, Office of Environmental Enforcement, EPA
- 15.15 – 15.40 Panel Discussion
- 15.40 – 16.05 Tea/Coffee

Session 4 – Action to Outcomes

CHAIRPERSON: **Gerard O'Leary**, Programme Manager, Office of Environmental Enforcement, EPA

- 16.05 – 16.30 Enforcement of Waste Water Discharge Licences
Leo Sweeney, Senior Inspector, Office of Environmental Enforcement, EPA
Tom Stafford, Senior Scientist, Office of Environmental Assessment, EPA
- 16.30 – 16.55 Operation of Urban Waste Water Treatment Plant
Denis Maguire, Executive Chemist, South Tipperary County Council
- 16.55 – 17.15 Panel Discussion and Close Day 1
- 19.30 **Dinner**

Day 2 Thursday 11 June 09

Session 5 – Water Quality Status

CHAIRPERSON: **Jim Bowman**, Programme Manager, Office of Environmental Assessment, EPA

- 09.15 – 09.30 Interim Status Assessment of Rivers
Catherine Bradley, Biologist, Office of Environmental Assessment, EPA
- 09.30 – 09.45 Interim Status Assessment of Lakes
Deirdre Tierney, Biologist, Office of Environmental Assessment, EPA
- 09.45 – 10.00 Interim Status Assessment of Transitional & Coastal Waters
Shane O’Boyle, Biologist, Office of Environmental Assessment, EPA
- 10.00 – 10.15 Interim Status Assessment of Groundwater & New GIS Tools
Matthew Craig, Scientist, Office of Environmental Assessment, EPA
- 10.15 – 10.45 Panel Discussion
- 10.45 – 11.15 Tea/Coffee

Session 6 – Monitoring to Planning

CHAIRPERSON: **Larry Stapleton**, Director, Office of Environmental Assessment, EPA

- 11.15 – 11.45 European Experience of Water Planning
Peter Pollard, Water Framework Technical Manager,
Scottish Environment Protection Agency
- 11.45 – 12.15 River Basin Management Plans - Ireland
Seán Ó Breasail, Project Co-ordinator,
South Western River Basin Project Office
- 12.15 – 12.45 Panel Discussion to include speakers and representative from Fisheries & SWAN
- 12.45 – 13.00 Close of Conference
Dara Lynott, Director of Office of Environmental Enforcement, EPA
- 13.00 – 14.00 **Lunch**