

## **EPA Update on Odour in the Carrigtwohill Area relating to Merck Millipore P0571-04**

### **Update 01/05/20**

Since the EPA's last web update dated 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020, Merck Millipore Limited has replaced the media in the biofilter as an odour improvement measure. The works were completed over four days (28/04/20-01/05/20) The EPA carried out odour impact assessments in the Carrigtwohill area while the works were ongoing. Moderate damp/ musty odours originating from the Merck Millipore Ltd. waste water treatment plant were detected downwind of the site on 28/04/20 and 01/05/20.

The process of reintroducing microorganisms to the biofilter began today (01/05/20). Once these microorganisms bed in (which may take up to 2 weeks), the biofilter should help provide additional treatment for the odours generated in the on-site waste water treatment plant.

It should be noted that this is only one of the short/medium term actions that Merck Millipore Limited are taking under EPA's compliance investigation CI001845 into odour nuisance. A more long-term plan for eliminating odour nuisance is currently under development, and the outcome will depend on the analysis results of odour samples that were taken earlier this month. A report on the assessment is due to be submitted to the EPA in early May. The EPA are closely monitoring progress in this regard.

### ***Making Environmental Complaints***

Environmental complaints can be made **directly to the Merck Millipore Limited site on 021 4883666**.

Alternatively, the Environmental Complaints section of the EPA website can be used to make complaints of an environmental nature using this Form:

### **[Online Complaint Form](#)**

All complaints reported this way are captured by our internal enforcement system and are immediately viewable by enforcement inspectors. By using this method, you are guaranteed that your complaint will be received and acted upon quickly by the relevant enforcement team.