

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

Update 20/04/20

Since the EPA's last web update dated 15th April 2020, Merck Millipore Limited have taken delivery of a carbon filter unit. This carbon filter unit will provide additional treatment for the odours generated in the on-site waste water treatment plant and will help to alleviate odour problems beyond the site boundary. This is one of a series of short, medium and long-term actions that Merck Millipore Limited are required to take under EPA's compliance investigation CI001845 into odour nuisance.

The preparatory works for the installation of the carbon filter unit are ongoing. The final stage of the installation will take place between 12pm and 4pm on Tuesday the 21st April 2020. For health and safety reasons, the final stage of the installation will require the entire odour abatement unit to be off-line, which the EPA understands may give rise to additional odour in the area. Merck Millipore Limited have committed to implementing a number of measures to reduce the extent to which odour will arise off site. These actions include:

- Scheduling the works to take place during easterly winds to minimise the number of residents affected.
- Reducing the air and effluent flows to/within the wastewater treatment plant to minimise the amount of odour released from the treatment plant.

The EPA will be in the Carrigtwohill area on the 21st April 2020 to monitor off-site odour impacts during the final installation phase.

The EPA will continue to closely monitor the operation of the Merck Millipore site to ensure that it operates in full compliance with its licence within the shortest timeframe possible.

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.