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**Re: AIE request [OCCS AIE 2023 02]**

Dear Sir/Madam

I refer to the request of 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023, which you made under the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2018 (S.I. No. 133 of 2007, S.I. No. 662 of 2011, S.I. 615 of 2014 and S.I. No. 309 of 2018) (hereafter referred to as the AIE Regulations) for access to information held by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) relating to the following:

*Under the AIE Regs to request*

- 1) Minutes of meetings for the EPA Advisory Committee, from June 2022 to date  
<https://www.epa.ie/publications/corporate/governance/advisory-committee-meetings-minutes/>
- 2) Copy of the most recent End of Term Report to the Minister from the EPA Advisory Committee
- 3) Details of a derogation given to Fingal CoCo in Dec 2021 in relation to waste processing capacity
- 4) Copy of letter from EPA to DHLGH regarding EPA drinking water enforcement powers (letter dated circa 11th March 2022)
- 5) Copy of presentation by Dr Fennell to Committee on "Development of the Next EPA Strategy"
- 6) Copy of presentation by Mr Page to Committee on EPA enforcement activities
- 7) Copies of the EPA Oversight Agreement 2021-23 and Performance Delivery Agreement 2021-23 with DECC and DEHLGH (signed in Aug 2021)
- 8) Copy of external audit report on the EPA "Environmental Management System"

On 3<sup>rd</sup> March, you further clarified your request as follows:

*Please remove the following requests from this AIE, as both presentations are in public domain*

- 5) Copy of presentation by Dr Fennell to Committee on "Development of the Next EPA Strategy"
- 6) Copy of presentation by Mr Page to Committee on EPA enforcement activities

In acknowledging your wish to amend your original request, Ana Bolger also provided you with a link to Item no. 7 above, as it too is in the public domain on the EPA's website.

**Therefore, the scope of your request is confined to Items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8 above.**

Regarding *Item 3* of your request, I wish to clarify that the EPA issued two Section 56 notices enabling a temporary increase in the capacity of two licensed sites (to the end of 2021). See Records 5 and 6 attached.

### Summary of Decision

I made a decision on your request on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Following identification of 7 records relevant to your request, I have decided that you should be granted access to the records. Please see Schedule of Records below which lists the records relevant to the Items you requested.

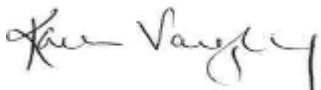
| Schedule of Records<br>OCCS AIE 2023 02 |  |          |
|---|--|----------|
| Item No. in Request                     | Name/Description   | Decision |
| <b>Item 1</b><br>(Record 1)             | Minutes of Advisory Committee Meeting 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2022<br><br>Also published here:<br><br><a href="https://www.epa.ie/publications/corporate/governance/advisory-committee-meetings-minutes/">https://www.epa.ie/publications/corporate/governance/advisory-committee-meetings-minutes/</a>   | Grant    |
| <b>Item 1</b><br>(Record 2)             | Minutes of Advisory Committee Meeting 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2023<br><br>Also published here:<br><br><a href="https://www.epa.ie/publications/corporate/governance/advisory-committee-meetings-minutes/">https://www.epa.ie/publications/corporate/governance/advisory-committee-meetings-minutes/</a>   | Grant    |
| <b>Item 2</b><br>(Record 3)             | Report of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Advisory Committee of the EPA to the Minister for Communications, Climate Action & Environment (End of Term)<br><br>Also available on EPA website here:<br><br><a href="https://www.epa.ie/publications/corporate/governance/advisory-committee-meetings-minutes-/Advisory_Committee_Report_October2019.pdf">https://www.epa.ie/publications/corporate/governance/advisory-committee-meetings-minutes-/Advisory Committee Report October2019.pdf</a> | Grant    |
| <b>Item 3</b><br>(Record 4)             | Section 56 Notification to Starrus Eco Holdings Ltd (W0183-01) (re temporary increase in capacity)   | Grant    |
| <b>Item 3</b><br>(Record 5)             | Section 56 Notification to Starrus Eco Holdings Ltd (W0261-02) (re temporary increase in capacity)   | Grant    |
| <b>Item 4</b><br>(Record 6)             | Letter to Secretary General, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage dated 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 re Enforcement Powers Drinking Water Regulations   | Grant    |
| <b>Item 8</b><br>(Record 7)             | EPA EMS Audit Report   | Grant    |

**Right of review**

Under Article 11 of the AIE Regulations you have a right to request an internal review of this decision. An internal review involves a complete reconsideration of the matter by a member of the staff of the EPA, unconnected with the original decision, of the same or higher rank than the original decision-maker, who may affirm, vary or annul the original decision.

If you wish to request an internal review, you can do so by writing to [aie@epa.ie](mailto:aie@epa.ie), referring to this decision, quoting the AIE reference number. This request must be made within one month of the date of this decision. The decision of an internal review will be communicated to you within one month of receipt of your request for an internal review.

Yours sincerely



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**Corporate Governance**