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**Subject:** RE: Continued Abstraction from Nore SAC ó

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your report in relation to the matter below: I acknowledge receipt of your email of 31/5/20, and note your earlier email of 28/5/20, which has already been acknowledged.

I can confirm that all water extraction at the location reported had ceased by Sunday morning 31/5/20.

In answer to your questions in email of 28/5/20, in this case, "extracting water for irrigation or other purposes" is an Activity Requiring Consent under the EU (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations (2011). For further details, see;

<https://www.npws.ie/farmers-and-landowners/activities-requiring-consent>

To date, no consent has issued for water extraction at this location. Should an application for consent be received, the Minister will carry out a screening for Appropriate Assessment.

Best wishes,  
Ciara O Mahony

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday 31 May 2020 15:44  
**To:** Padraig Comerford <[Padraig.Comerford@chg.gov.ie](mailto:Padraig.Comerford@chg.gov.ie)>; Ciara O'Mahony <Ciara.O'Mahony@chg.gov.ie>  
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To whom it concerns,

As a follow up to the my initial confidential complaint and query; I can confirm that yesterday I observed this same practice at this same location as previously indicated.

Can you confirm whether the NPWS has agreed to allow this practice continue or is the farmer in question now in breach of your instructions? For that matter, what were the instructions issued initially, if any?

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]



