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8 May 2023

**Ref: OES AIE 2023 01**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to your request submitted and received by the EPA on 6 April 2023, made under the EC (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2018, for records held by the Environmental Protection Agency. Your request sought:

*“Under the AIE Regs to request a list of intensive agricultural sites that have been notified to the EPA by Local Authorities, which are below the stocking threshold for EPA licencing, to include the date first notified to EPA, and the general reasons for notification*

*For example,*

*Location: Roxtown Piggery Donegal  
Name: M Doherty Pig Farm Kinnea  
Notified: Dec 2022  
Reason: Odours*

*For the purposes of this AIE please consider the years 2021, 2022 and 2023 YTD”*

I, Tara Gillen, have made a final decision to **grant** your request on 8 May 2023. The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

## SUMMARY OF DECISION

A list of the of “*intensive agricultural sites that have been notified to the EPA by Local Authorities, which are below the stocking threshold for EPA licencing.....during the years the years 2021, 2022 and 2023 YTD*” does not exist. However, I have created a table in **Appendix 1** below, for the purpose of replying to your request. The table sets out details of the two notifications received which come within the scope of your request.

Please note that the installation to which you refer in your request “*M Doherty Pig Farm Kinnea*” is not on the list as it does not fall within the scope set out in your request as being notified to the EPA by Local Authorities.

## FEES

Article 15 of the regulations allow a public body to charge a reasonable fee for the cost of supplying of the environmental information. Fees may be waived if the charge is under €100. In this instance the fees are being waived as the total cost for Search and Retrieval of the relevant records is under €100.

## RIGHTS OF APPEAL

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 more senior member of the staff of the Environmental Protection Agency, unconnected with the original decision, who may affirm, vary or annul the original decision.

In the event that you wish to request an internal review, you can do so by writing to Ms Ana Bolger, AIE Officer, EPA, P.O. Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate, Co. Wexford or by sending an email to [aie@epa.ie](mailto:aie@epa.ie). You should make your request within one month from the date of this notification.

Yours sincerely,

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Office of Environmental Sustainability

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**Appendix 1 – List of Notifications from Local Authorities (Intensive Ag sites without IED licence)  
From January 2021 to April 2023**

<b><u>No.</u></b>	<b><u>Name &amp; Location</u></b>	<b><u>EPA Notified by</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Notification</u></b>	<b><u>Reason for Notification</u></b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Hoggs Hogs</b> Kiltillahane Gorey Co. Wexford Y25 P8C6	Wexford County Council	20 January 2021	<i>“The piggery has expanded and now has capacity to hold above 2,000 fattener pigs. Since the development the floor space allocated to pig production has surpassed 2,000 square meters and should require an IPC licence”.</i> <b>Wexford Co Co</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Wexford Pig Developments</b> Garrygibbon Castlebridge Co. Wexford Y35 TK53	Wexford County Council	13 August 2021	<i>“The scale of the piggery would suggest that it carries sufficient pig numbers to require an IE/IPC licence.”</i> <b>Wexford Co Co</b>