

Attendees: Darragh Page, Deirdre Ryan (BB Director of Sustainability and Quality Assurance)

Time: 16:15 pm

Date: 18th July 2023

Purpose: To discuss the release of the National Priority Sites List and interactions between EPA and Bord Bia

Notes of meeting:

Following introductions Ms Ryan advised that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I gave a quick summary of my previous meeting with Andy Mullins on 27th February and gave some details of what we had agreed, specifically that we would be happy to interact on issues relating to licensed sites.

I told her the NPS would be published on 20th July and gave her the names of the food and drink sites on the list and advised her that the licensees were all notified last week. I also gave her a brief on LEAP Online as it had been launched since the last EPA/BB meeting.

I gave her an overview of our main concerns and issues and mentioned that the main issues at food and drink NPS sites (3) and WFD significant pressure sites (9), all of which are in Origin Green, were poor surface water drainage systems and inadequate control over WWTP. This is largely due to infrastructure not keeping pace with production on the sites in question. I advised her we are targeting these sites for enforcement.

She advised me that their annual cycle of assessment is ongoing with operators supposed to submit the relevant information by the end of May. This is followed by assessments by BB verifiers and then approval to be part of the scheme. Some operators have not submitted all the information required (they have til end of Sept to submit everything) and are listed as "Membership renewal pending" on the Origin Green website.

We discussed a potential webinar with their members to flag the EPA priorities and potential meetings/workshops with their verifiers. We mentioned the end of Sept or early Oct as a potential date. I agreed that we would be happy to go through the key issues we are observing on food and drink licensed sites.

I gave an overview of the Industrial and Waste Enforcement report outlining the key findings and issues in the report and I advised him of the current sites on the NPS list.

I reiterated what we had agreed at the previous meeting:

- A meeting between Bord Bia verifiers and the EPA would be useful. I agreed that key EPA personnel would be available to meet
- A webinar on Origin Green to EPA inspectors would be useful.
- Bord Bia or auditors are free to contact the relevant inspectors if they want details of investigations or actions.

Signed:



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