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12:21. At entrance to Marin O Donovan piggery site (P0621-02) to investigate whether an unauthorised piggery is active adjacent to the licensed site.

15:02. On site following managers direction. Parked adjacent to licensed facility and walked to facility currently in construction but not authorised. On the way Sinead and I saw dead pigs lying at 2 different locations at the licensed site and saw the unauthorised installation. The silos were a source of noise and there was stream coming from an exit in the gable end of a pig house. Before we commenced our walk around the houses I could hear pigs squealing. In addition I could smell pig slurry. I believed pigs to be present within this unauthorised facility.

15:08. Evidence of pig prints on access track adjacent to pig houses. I could still hear pigs squealing.

15:12. At northern section of the site. We counted 3 houses present. At house on the eastern side there was evidence of a slurry spill from a pipe at the rear of the building. Sinead and I looked at the slurry extraction point here and saw the amount of slurry in the tank. Slurry depth was estimated to be 3 feet.

15:20. Middle shed. Slurry depth examined at draw off point. The slurry depth was above ground level here. External wall of middle shed shows cracks and evidence that slurry has previously seeped through here.

15:26. 4th house discovered and pigs are also present in this house as with the other 3 houses. I took a photograph of piglets in one of the sheds. Door marked "weaner 8". At shed on most western front slurry extraction point examined and slurry witnessed in this pipe. Water was pooled around this pipe. Possible contamination source. Shed is labelled dry sows house. Heating system is not operational. 2 extensions to present sheds are in progress.

15:54. Back on licensed site. Dead pigs on eastern side of the site removed. Met Kieran Ryan, operative. I asked if a director was present and he indicated that there wasn't as they had covid. I asked for the stock register and he added that it would be kept down in the house and he doesn't have them. I asked if all pig houses were empty and he said no. He said that not all houses were full. Sinead asked how many pigs are in the site up the hill and he said "only a few hundred".

16:15. Site visit concluded. Potential non-compliances for storage of waste outside an unbunded area, carcass skip uncovered. Issues to be raised with housekeeping.