

Meeting Minutes

MTG000644 - Bord na Móna Meeting 01.02.2024

Organisation: Bord na Mona
Date: 01/02/2024
Regarding: Package
Location: EPA Kilkenny

Attendees

Representing EPA

Brian Meaney
Brendan Kissane
Billy Shanahan

Representing Organisation and/or Other

Enda McDonagh
Donal O'Sullivan

Licences

Reg No	Licence	County
P0499-01	Bord na Mona Fuels Limited (Littleton)	Tipperary
P0500-01	Bord na Mona Energy Limited Leabeg	Offaly
P0501-01	Bord na Móna Energy Limited (Derrygreenagh)	Westmeath
P0502-01	Bord na Móna Energy Limited (Blackwater)	Westmeath
P0503-01	Bord na Mona Biomass Limited	Westmeath
P0504-01	Bord na Mona Lanesboro (Longford)	Longford
P0505-01	Bord na Móna Energy Limited (Oweninny)	Mayo
P0506-01	Bord na Móna Energy Limited (Kilberry)	Meath
P0507-01	Bord Na Mona Energy Limited (Boora)	Offaly

Issues and Action Items

The following items were discussed during this meeting:

1. Licence Surrender/Boundary Amendments

- Over 16,000ha of rehabilitation completed to date. Bord na Móna can surrender rehabilitated bogs should they wish, subject to Section 95(7) of the EPA 1992 as amended.
- Workshop areas have the potential to be leased, in the event of these being leased Bord na Móna would like to remove from the licensed area.
- EPA stated that these do not need to be batched and can be dealt with as they arise. The requirements of section 95 of the EPA Act 1992 will apply. Refer to EPA Guidance document "Guidance to Licensees on Surrender, Cessation and Closure of Licensed Sites".
- The Validation Report and the Certificate of Completion were discussed and Bord na Móna were directed to Section 7 of the "Guidance on the process of preparing and implementing a bog rehabilitation plan" document.
- Bord na Móna outlined the status of the P0499-01 and P0505-01 licences and the works required to enter the surrender process.

2. Monettia Bog

- Bord na Móna indicated during this update that they intend to apply for a technical amendment to facilitate a change to the type of pump and treat system currently in place at the site.
- It was also outlined that it is still unclear the full quantity of free phase product under the site.

3. Bord na Móna gave an update on third party operators on lands included in licence boundaries including:

- Derrycastle bog transaction signed and sent to PRAI for registration
- A submission will be made regarding Glenlough to amend the licence as the area not operated by Bord na Móna was transferred to a 3rd party prior to the licensing process.
- EPA outlined to Bord na Móna that the status of licences changes after peat extraction activity has ceased for more than 3 years. It was noted that the activity of peat extraction has been and in some cases is still occurring within certain licence areas. Bord na Móna was made aware that the status of their licences will be reviewed in the coming weeks.

4. PCAS 2024

There are 13 plans scheduled to be submitted in 2024

- The annual monitoring returns for the rehab bogs and the two-yearly reviews are scheduled to be submitted by end of Q1 2024.

Attachments

Documents