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From: Kirwan, Andrew
Sent: Thursday 14 November 2024 17:12
To: Felling Forest Service
Cc: Collins, Kevin; Coggins, Karl; McCann, William
Subject: WW10-FL0237 - Water Incident Report

Sorry, my bad, I left the subject line blank! The felling reference number is – WW10-FL0237

From: Kirwan, Andrew
Sent: Thursday 14 November 2024 17:11
To: Felling Forest Service <Felling.ForestService@agriculture.gov.ie>
Cc: Collins, Kevin <Kevin.Collins@agriculture.gov.ie>; Coggins, Karl <Karl.Coggins@agriculture.gov.ie>; McCann, William <William.McCann@agriculture.gov.ie>
Subject: FW: WW10

Hi Felling Section/Karl,

The above site was flagged to me during a meeting in South Dublin County Council offices yesterday afternoon by the head of the Environment Section in Wicklow CoCo. I was attending the LAWPRO Eastern Regional Operational Committee and the issues on this Coillte clearfell site were raised and discussed in the open forum. EPA, IFI, LAWPRO and other were in attendance.

Giving the sensitivity around this, I visited the site first thing this morning. Please see my report attached. Rather than rehash the detail here, you will find all relevant info in the report. The site is currently at refor stage. Can I ask that Coillte are instructed to cease operation immediately please?

I have set out the necessary short and medium term actions in the report. Can these please also be communicated to Coillte as a matter of urgency?

I am on leave tomorrow but I am free this evening and will keep an eye on my emails tomorrow should anyone need to contact me in relation to this site. Given the occurrence of sediment release into a receiving aquatic zone – this incident is appropriately classified as an acute water incident. Karl, let me know if you need any additional info etc. for your records. Happy to work with you or the relevant inspector on your team on this one. I hope the report communicates the issues in sufficient detail.

Kind regards,

Andrew