
On Mon, Sep 7, 2015 at 10:49 AM, [REDACTED]
wrote:

Dear [REDACTED],

I refer to your email of the 18th of August, please see attached the following information;

1. Letter of complaint from Iarnród Éireann to ENVA dated 10.10.14.
2. Response to letter of complaint from ENVA to Iarnród Éireann dated 31.10.14.
3. A copy of the Nuisance Odour Log sheet which is documented on site by IE staff members.

Please note that signatures of staff signing the nuisance odour log sheet have been redacted from the document under section 8, article 10 of the act which states:

8. "A public authority shall not make available environmental information in accordance with article 7 where disclosure of the information-

(a) Would adversely effect-

- (i) The confidentiality of personal information relating to a natural person who has not consented to the disclosure of the information, and where that confidentiality is otherwise protected by

law.”

Apologies for the delay in response.

Yours Sincerely,



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Director Enva Waste Facility,
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Co.Laois.

10.10.2014

Registered Post

Re: Migration of dust and nuisance odours onto IE property, Old Knockmay Rd Portlaoise.

To [REDACTED]

As you have been made aware of previously, over the past number of years there have been ongoing EHS issues which have occurred at the Iarnród Éireann Sleeper Depot Plant on the Old Knockmay Rd as a result of migration of dust and nuisance odours emanating from the ENVA waste facility located at the Clominam Industrial Estate Portlaoise.

In the past number of months, several documented formal complaints have been received by the Sleeper depot's Safety Executive from members of IE staff regarding dust and nuisance odours. In response to this issue, IE management at the sleeper depot site are now maintaining an air quality log sheet in order to record instances of dust and odour issues.

In previous meetings with your organisation, IE have been assured by ENVA that the parameters for emissions which they are licensed to omit have not exceeded their ambient air or OELV limits, however this does not negate the fact that our staff are experiencing a reduced quality of workplace wellbeing and general annoyance as a result of nuisance odours which are migrating from the ENVA plant onto our property. IE also have plant and machinery which is stationed adjacent to the roofed soil remediation area of the Enva waste plant which are subjected to dust settling on the machines from ENVA's soil remediation area. This issue has the potential to result in increased machine maintenance costs which IE are not willing to incur as a result of ENVA's avoidance to implement effective mitigation measures in respect of dust migration onto our site at this particular area.

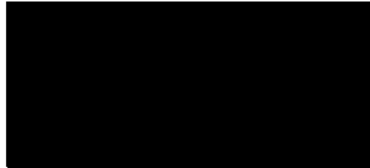
IE have a duty of care towards providing a safe and comfortable working environment for its employees and we are compelled to write formally to you now and ask that ENVA invest in appropriate and effective long term mitigation measures at their waste facility in Portlaoise in order to prevent dust migration and nuisance odours effecting the immediate area of the facility as outlined in section 7.2 of the relevant EPA Waste License Register No 184-1.

"7.2 The licensee shall ensure that dust, noise and odours do not give rise to nuisance at the facility or the immediate area of the facility. Any method used by the licensee to control any such nuisance shall not cause environmental pollution or contravene any national statutory protection granted in respect of protected species or cause significant interference with amenities or the environment beyond the site boundary."


I would ask that management at ENVA Portlaoise respond within 21 days of receipt of this letter with intended proposals for appropriate and effective mitigation measures to be implemented on your site to prevent migration of odours and dust onto our property.

If ENVA fail to respond to our concerns, we will be obliged to report this issue to the Office of Environmental Enforcement and the Health and Safety Authority. In the meantime we will continue to record dust and odour issues in our internal air quality log and officially record formal health and safety complaints within our safety management system as evidence of the ongoing EHS issues caused by ENVA's activities on IE property at Old Knockmay Rd Portlaoise.

Yours Sincerely



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31st October 2014

Re: your letter of 10th October 2014

Dear

I refer to your letter regarding the 'Migration of dust and nuisance odours' onto the Irish Rail site in Portlaoise. I can reassure you that we do take any such concerns seriously and endeavour to be a good and responsible neighbour. As you have correctly noted Enva does indeed carry out regular occupational and air quality monitoring at our site here in Portlaoise and such monitoring has not indicated there to be any significant issue in relation to dust or indeed odours. However we do accept that there may be occasions when a temporary nuisance issue with regard to odour or dust can arise from our site. As such we are proposing to react to the concerns raised and implement the necessary measures to prevent the occurrence of dust or odour issues from our site.

Since receipt of your letter we have engaged with a UK based company (APPS UK Ltd.) who specialise in the suppression of both dust and odours. A technical representative from the company has also visited our site to understand and assess the issues that may present in relation to the potential generation of dust and odour. Subsequent to the site visit the company have presented some preliminary proposals for the provision of dust & odour abatement reagents and application equipment which need further evaluation. In addition we are also assessing if it is possible to modify our existing dust suppression vehicle so that it could be used to apply the products being recommended by APPS UK.

During the winter months it is less likely that any significant dust issue will arise due to the wetter weather. As such the winter months may provide an opportunity to refine the necessary design, carry out any trials if necessary and then purchase the necessary equipment before the summer when dust generation is more likely. We have already obtained an odour abatement reagent from APPS UK and have on loan a delivery system for trialling at our site.

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We are also proposing to seek planning permission to enclose the main processing area of the soil remediation building. This would represent a significant capital expenditure and as such we would only proceed with enclosing this part of the building should the measures outlined above fail to satisfactorily control dust and odours. We did assess the installation of netting instead of permanent cladding however this was ruled out on the basis that it was less likely to succeed and would most probably deteriorate and become unsightly. We expect that the necessary planning permission should reasonably be obtained by March/April 2015.

I would also repeat previous advice to notify Enva immediately it is alleged that there is a dust or odour issue arising from our site so we can assess this promptly. It must be noted that there are other sources of both odour and dust in the local area and it is important to differentiate between the various sources. Where an issue does relate to our site we expect the proposals above when progressed further will allow us to react effectively and control these potential issues.

I trust that you will be satisfied with our plans and we will keep you informed as these proposals progress.

Yours sincerely

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YARD LOG

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Date	Time	Severity	Comment
3/7/2014	11:09 AM	9/10	Bad Smell
03-07-2014	11:44 AM	10/10	Very Bad Smell
8/07/2014	12:09	8/10	Bad Smell
11/7/2014	08:35	8/10	Bad Smell
15/7/2014	08:15	6/10	Bad Smell ^{close to fence}
29/7/2014	08:00	7/10 ^{WET Morning}	" " ^{near YARD}
30/7/2014	09:10	5/10 ^{DRY WARM}	Mild odor
01/8/2014	11:30 AM	10/10	VERY BAD odor
01/08/2014	11:45 AM	10/10	" " "
5/8/14	08:50	8/10 ^{WET Morning}	Strong smell.
7/8/14	10:07	6/10 ^{DRY DAY}	Mild odor
12/8/14	10:10	6/10 ^{DRY DAY WET Morning}	" "
13/8/14	9:20	10/10	VERY BAD odor
13/8/14	12:44	9/10	Very Bad odor
13-8-14	12:06	8/10	VERY STRONG odor
13-08-14	12:10	9/10	" " "
13-8-14	12:10	9/10	" " "
13-8-14	12:10	8/10	" " "
13-8-14	12:11	9/10	" " "
15/08/2014	14:15	8/10	Very bad Smell
15/08/2014	14:25	9/10	" " "
15/08/2014	14:37	10/10	Very Bad Smell
15/08/2014	14:40	10/10	" " "
18/08/2014	09:15	10/10	" " "
18-8-14	11:10	10/10	Choking smell v/b
19-8-14	08:30	9/10 ^{DRY Morning}	Strong odor
19-08-14	10:30	10/10	" "
19/8/14	13:30	10/10	" " "
21/8/14	09:00	9/10	" " "
4/9/14	11:00	6/10 ^{DRY DAY}	Mild odor
8/9/14	10:35	8/10	Strong odor

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Date	Time	Severity	Comments
9/9/14	09:11	MILD 6/10	DRY DAY
26/9/14	08:13	Strong 7/10	WET morning
1/10/14	08:52	MILD 5/10	WET morning
10/10/14	08:55	" 5/10	Dry Morning
12/12/14	08:00	MILD 6/10	DAMP MISTY Morning
8/12/14	08:30	MILD 6/10	" "
9/12/14	09:00	" "	" "
28/1/15	08:00	DAMP Bumpy Morning 6/10	" " cold
10/2/15	14:15	MILD odor	Dry day
04/03/15	14:30	Very Strong smell	Dry day
6/3/15	09:05	MILD	North/East/Dirrect
9/3/15	10:30	Wet 4/10	" " "
10/3/15	11:20	Very Strong Smell	Sunny morning
11/3/15	09:00	Mild	North/East
30/3/15	08:30	" 6/10	" "
31/3/15	12:30	Damp Morn 7/10	" " MILD odor 5/10
27/4/15	9:50	Dry cold Morn	North East breeze
8/6/15	09:00	" " Morn	" " 4/10
9/6/15	10:30	Sunny Day	No breeze 2/10
23/6/15	15:30	" "	" " 3/10
25/6/15	15:30	Cloudy Dry	breeze 4/10
8/7/15	11:56	Strong	Dry Day
13/7/15	11:25	Very Strong	DAMP MISTY
28/7/15	08:15	Very Strong	FINE
28/7/15	08:50	Very Strong	Dry Day
4/8/15	10:00	Very BAD	Dry Day
4/8/15	10:00	Very BAD	Dry Day
11/8/15	3:45	Very BAD	Dry
14/8/15	14:30	Very BAD	Dry
8/9/15	10:45	MILD/weak	Dry