

## **Information Note regarding Dublin Waste to Energy Ltd (Poolbeg Incinerator)**

**March 2017**

As you may be aware construction of the Dublin Waste to Energy Ltd facility (Poolbeg Incinerator) is almost complete. In advance of commencement of the start-up and operation of the facility the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would like to update you on our role regarding the environmental regulation and enforcement of the facility.

### **Licence and enforcement**

- Operation of the activity is subject to the conditions of the Industrial Emissions Licence issued by the EPA (Reg. No. W0232-01). The licence sets strict conditions and emission limit values to ensure that operation of the activity will not pose a risk to human health or the environment.
- The EPA is responsible for enforcing the conditions of the licence and EPA inspectors have been visiting the site regularly in recent months to ensure that all the necessary licence requirements are in place prior to commencement.
- The EPA will be closely monitoring both the start-up and subsequent operation of this facility to ensure that it is operated in compliance with the licence.

### **Start-up and operation**

- The EPA understands that waste acceptance will commence in late March this year and incineration of waste will commence shortly thereafter.
- Testing of the facility will commence prior to waste acceptance and there may be a visible plume from the stacks or roof vents associated with this. During normal operation a plume will be visible from the stacks. The discharge of cooling water from the site may also be visible.
- Dublin Waste to Energy Ltd is required to undertake a rigorous test programme to demonstrate that all the abatement and monitoring equipment is operating correctly and that the plant is operating in compliance with the Emission Limit Values (ELVs) specified in the licence. EPA inspectors will be closely monitoring the test programme and will undertake independent monitoring of emissions from the process.
- The licence requires Dublin Waste to Energy Ltd to cease combusting waste in the event that continuous measurements show that any emission limit value is exceeded.

### **Further information**

- Dublin Waste to Energy Ltd is required to establish and maintain a Public Awareness and Communications Programme to ensure that members of the public can obtain information at the facility concerning its environmental performance. The licensee is also required to

make monitoring data available on-line; this will include real-time and summary emissions monitoring data.

- All documentation relating to the licence, licence application, and key enforcement records such as site visits reports are available to view on the [EPA website](#).
- Any person wishing to make a query or complaint in relation to the facility should in the first instance contact Dublin Waste to Energy. If a response is not received or is unsatisfactory this can be brought to the attention of the EPA via [www.epa.ie](http://www.epa.ie) or by phoning (01) 2680100.

Please feel free to share this information within any interested parties.