

Poolbeg Incinerator Update 4th May 2017 – Eoghan Murphy TD

Communication from Covanta regarding 'steam blows'

'I'd like to clarify that this (Tuesday) was the last day of the 'steam blows'.

'This action which was given advance notice on the website and notified to the EPA and has been ongoing on a sporadic basis for in excess of the last two weeks.

'What is involved is the heating up of the boiler using the oil burners to create steam which is then blown through the steam pipes to clean them in order to avoid any damage being done to the turbine. There is temporary piping put in place to remove the steam which is vented to the open air – I attach some aerial shots (below) which show this more clearly.

'No waste has been burned, no smoke emitted, no ash emitted and no smells. There has also been an amount of confusion surrounding the facility for the smell, smoke and ash generated and spread across the city from the Howth Head gorse fire for of the last couple of days.'

