

Ireland's EPA approach to enforcement

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WHAT WE DO

Knowledge

Provide high quality, targeted and timely environmental data, assessments and evidence to inform decision making by citizens, businesses and Government.

Regulation

Implement effective regulation and environmental compliance systems to deliver good outcomes for people and the environment and target those who don't comply.

Advocacy

Work with others to advocate for a clean, healthy and well protected environment and sustainable environmental behaviour.

HOW WE DO IT

Monitoring & Assessment

Research & Expertise

Timely & Accessible Information

Licensing

Enforcement

Guidance

Partnering & Networking

Awareness Raising

Promoting Sustainable Behaviour

Strategic Goals 2016-2020



Trusted Environmental Regulator



Leader in Environmental Evidence & Knowledge



Effective Advocate & Partner



Responding to Key Environmental Challenges



Organisationally Excellent

Environmental Regulator

■ Facility regulation

- Waste facilities, large scale industrial activities, intensive agriculture, waste water treatment plants, GMOs, use of ionising radiation

■ National Environmental Policing

- Local authority environmental functions
- National Enforcement Network
- Drinking water supply
- Septic Tanks



NIECE

Network of Ireland's
Environmental Compliance
& Enforcement

Regulatory Challenge

- In any regulated community:
 - 5% will violate no matter what
 - 20% will comply no matter what
 - 75% will comply if they believe the 5% who won't comply stand a reasonable chance of being caught and punished!

Chester Bowles



Environmental Compliance Assurance

- Compliance Assurance Approach
 - Compliance Promotion
 - Compliance Monitoring
 - Enforcement



Compliance Promotion

- Reduced Administrative Burden
- Better Customer Service

Better Licensee Access to Enforcement Information



AM Automation Module

User Name | LEMA Test Organization

Apply For | Notify/Manage | EPA Services | EDEN Modules

Eden > Authorisation Module > Organisation Dashboard > P9999

License Dashboard | Licensee Returns | Incidents | Compliance Investigations | Site Visits | Complaints | EPA Reports | Change Requests | Non-Compliances | Contacts | Notifications

LEMA Test Licence, Wexford (P9999)

Download Licence

Active Licence: P0687-02
Issue Date: 04/07/2012
Licence Type: IPC
Applications: [P0687-04 \(Review\)](#)

Quick Links

- + Add new Return
- + Notify EPA of new Incident
- + Licence Transfer

Notifications

Name	Issued	Due	Status	Reporting
Licence Authorisation	12/1/16	-	Closed	P0847-02
Licensee Return received	05/12/15	-	Open	P0847-02
CI Action - response required	05/12/15	12/12/15	Open	P0847-02
Licence Review approved	11/11/15	-	Closed	P0847-01
Licensee Return received	15/10/15	-	Open	P0847-01

Licensee Returns

Case No	Title	Date Submitted	Decision
	Quarterly Ground Water Report	23/1/16	None
LR120123	Quarter3 Effluent	22/10/15	Approved
LR122003	Quarter2 Effluent	11/9/15	Rejected

Incidents

Incident No	Incident Name	Date Submitted	Status
INC010125	Breach of ELV	23/11/15	Open-CI
INC010652	Other	12/10/15	New
INC011150	Something bad happened	11/8/15	Closed

Compliance Investigations

CI Number	Title	Status
CI001142	Belgooly WWTP Upgrade to meet ELV	Open
CI001141	Cornew Condition 5.6 assessment of Primary Discharge	Open
CI001140	Comolin recurring ELV failures	Open
CI001139	Ongoing Ammonia exceedences Kanturk WWTP	Closed

Site Visits

Visit	Description	Visit Date	Status
SV08303	2016 Plan visit	-	Scheduled
SV07837	Enforcement visit (Planned)	22/04/15	Complete
SV02303	GEA Site Visit (Planned)	22/02/15	Complete

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Site Visit Report

The site visit process is a sample on a particular day of an installation's compliance with some of its licence conditions. Where non-compliance against a particular condition has not been reported, this should not be construed to mean that there is full compliance with that condition of the licence.

Instructions and actions arising from the visit shall be addressed, or where applicable noted, by the licensee in order to ensure compliance, to improve the environmental performance of the installation and to provide clarification on certain issues.

The licensee shall take the actions specified to close out the non-compliances and observations raised in this Site Visit Report.

Licensee	
Name of Installation	Glennon Brothers Timber Limited
Licensee	Glennon Bros. Timber Limited
License Register No.	P0327-01
CRO Number	48877
Site Address	The Sawmills, Kinlasavogue, Longford, Longford
Site Visit Reference No.	SV02633

Report Detail	
Issue Date	09/07/2015
Prepared By	Kealan Reynolds

Site Visit Detail			
Date Of Inspection	23/06/2015	Announced	No
Time In	10:05	Time Out	13:15
Agency Personnel On Site	Kealan Reynolds		
Licensee Personnel and Role	Mr. John Paul Clarke (Maintenance Fitter)		
Photo Taken	Yes	Samples Taken	No
		Video Taken	No

Enforcement Documents

Reg No.: W0165-02 Licensee: Ballynagran Landfill Limited

Disclaimer

The EPA provides online access to a range of enforcement documentation that collectively provide substantive information Reports and Licensee Submissions (Annual Environmental Reports, Self-Monitoring Reports etc.).

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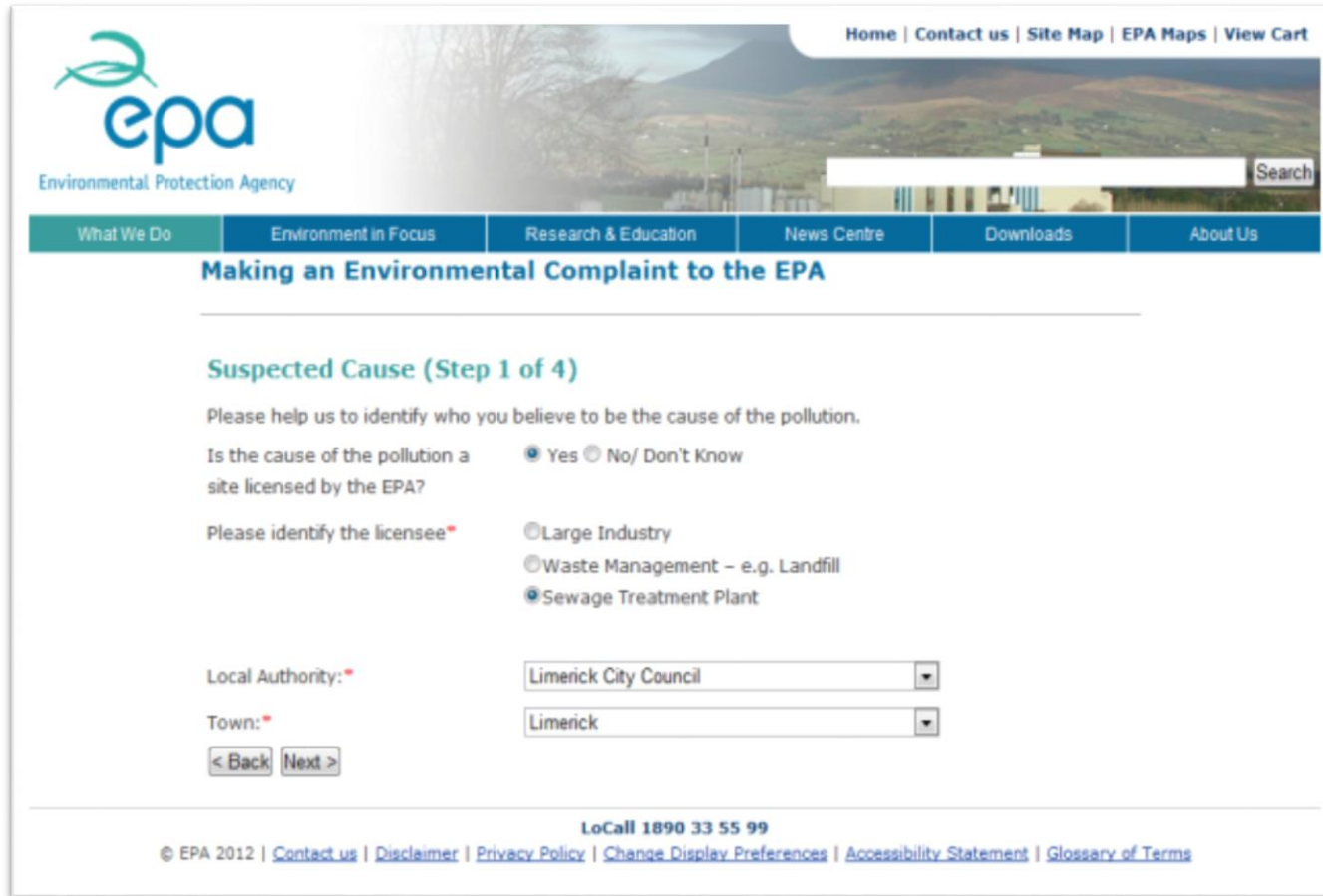
Further information may be obtained by appointment at any office of the EPA.

Show: Last 12 Months


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Name	File Type	Originator	Date	Size
SV07815 - Licensee Report	EPA Report	EPA	07/03/2016	514KB
W016502-AER 2014	Annual Environmental Report	Licensee	28/04/2015	3118KB

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Making an Environmental Complaint to the EPA

Suspected Cause (Step 1 of 4)

Please help us to identify who you believe to be the cause of the pollution.

Is the cause of the pollution a site licensed by the EPA? Yes No/ Don't Know

Please identify the licensee* Large Industry Waste Management – e.g. Landfill Sewage Treatment Plant

Local Authority:*

Town:*

LoCall 1890 33 55 99

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Compliance Monitoring

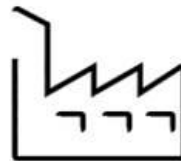
- Inspections/ Surveillance

EPA Monitoring Activities: Jan - June 2016

Industrial and Waste Licences	777
Industrial and Waste Site Visits (Unplanned Site Visits)	763 (343)
Waste water discharge licences	505
Urban waste water Site Visits	106
Total Inspectors	50

Monitoring Results

Priority Sites Summary - Jan - Jun 2016



2% of All IE/IPC/Waste Sites



17% NC's



7% Incidents



19% Site visits



35% Complaints



25% CI's Opened

Enforcement

- Better Intelligence
- Risk based enforcement: Pick & Solve the Important problems!

Better Intelligence

Browser address bar: <http://wexcmapp.5544.EPA/main.aspx#> | Dashboard: DH - All Incide... | Gerard O'Leary EPA

Select Point

TPEFF1300D0459SW001 - Discharge Location



Editing Tools

Easting: 99856 .00 Northing: 145121 .00

Add/Update Coordinates

Edit Point Select Receiving Waterbody

Stop Editing

Information about location

EDEFF Code: TPEFF1300D0459SW001

Licence Code: SW001

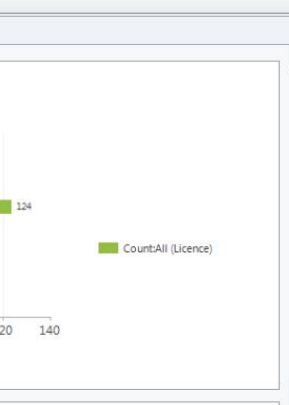
Discharge To: Transitional

Receiving Water WFD Name: SH_ShannonEstuarySouth_BallylineMAIN_1LowerMid

Receiving Water WFD Code: IE_SH_24_1612

River Basin District Name: Shannon

Receiving Water Name (Licence): Ballylongford River



CountAll (Licence)

A Inspector
can see current
and historical
compliance
records

Search for records

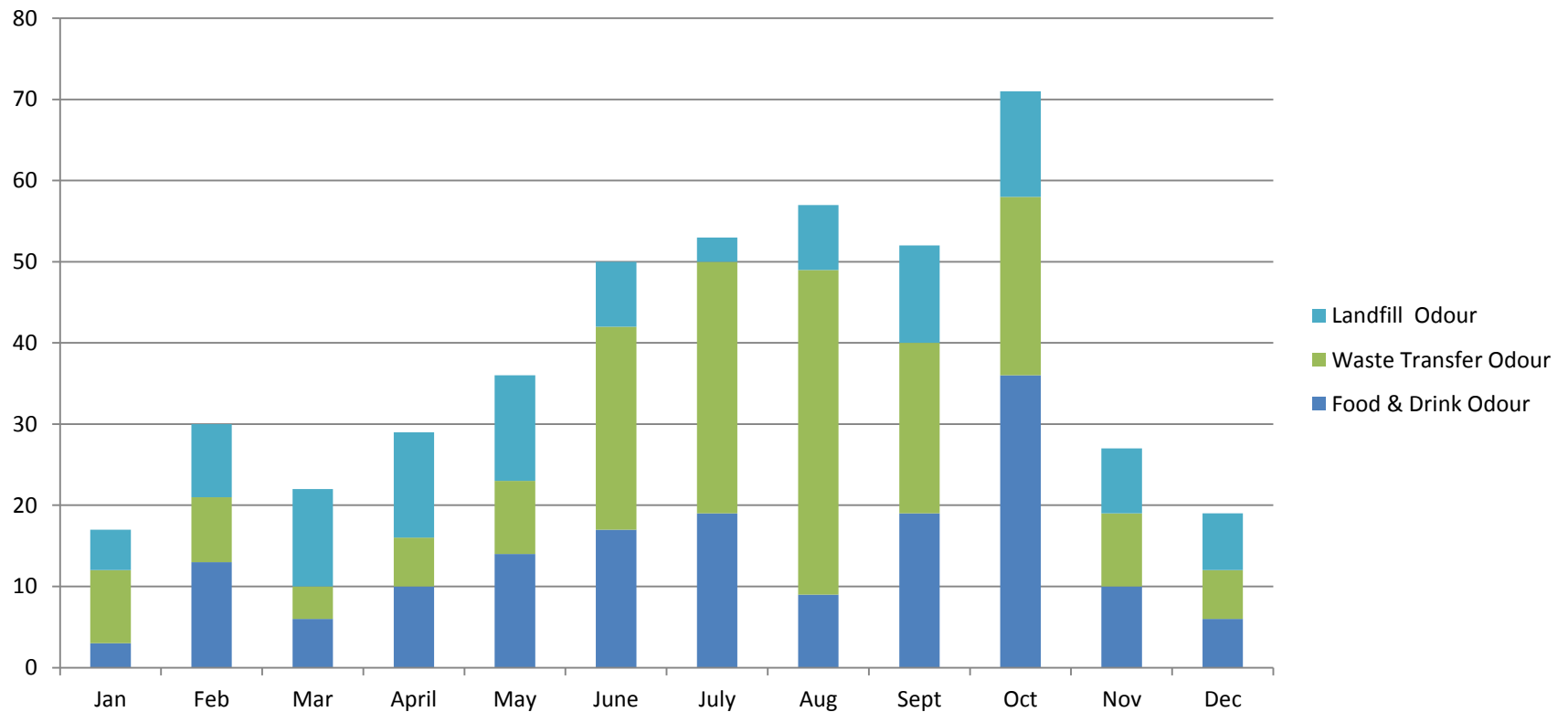
Incident Status	Category	Incident Nature	Likely Cause	Compliance In
Closed	2. Limited	Spillage	Blocked Sewer	
Closed	1. Minor	Spillage	Adverse Weather	
Closed	2. Limited	Uncontrolled Release	Plant or equipment b...	Galway City: Disc
Closed	2. Limited	Uncontrolled Release	SWO exceptional rain...	Galway City: Disc
Closed	1. Minor	Uncontrolled Release	Plant or equipment m...	
Closed	1. Minor	Uncontrolled Release	Emergency overflow...	

Compliance Investigations

Case Number	Status Reason	Title/Name	Origin	Response Level	Next Action Date
CI000081	Closed	Galway City: Discharge fro...	Incident Notifica...	Low	

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Odour complaints by Waste & F&D Priority Sites 2015



From *Activity* to *Outcomes*

- **Compliance Assurance Approach**
 - Promotion
 - Monitoring
 - Enforcement



Important issues dealt with

Efforts focused

Consistency

Quicker processing

Less intrusive and more effective

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Thank You