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Your Ref: LIC230025

Request for Observations LIC230025 – Port of Waterford Company. Maintenance dredging of accumulated sediments to maintain the port's navigational trade areas.

Dear Licence Authorisation Team,

I refer to your correspondence dated 18th September 2025 requesting comments from the Agency on the Maritime Usage Licence application for the above referenced activities. The Agency makes the following observations.

Port of Waterford Company submitted a Dumping at Sea permit application (Reg. S0012-05) to the Agency on 8th February 2024 for the loading and dumping (including plough dredging) of dredged material over an 8-year period arising from maintenance dredging of the port's berths, basins and approach channels.

The application documents, including a Natura Impact Statement received on 1st March 2024, can be viewed on the EPA website under Reg. No. S0012-05 at this link: <https://epawebapp.epa.ie/terminalfour/DaS/DaS-view.jsp?regno=S0012-05>. This application is under assessment by the Agency in accordance with the requirements of the Dumping at Sea Act 1996, as amended).

The application is for the loading and dumping of 6,587,986 tonnes (wet weight) of dredged material within an existing offshore dumping site located approximately 2.5 kilometres southwest of Hook Head and further 2,203,704 tonnes (wet weight) of contingency for extreme weather events. The application is also for the dumping of dredged material by plough dredging of 1,273,318 tonnes (wet weight).

Port of Waterford Company currently holds an active Dumping at Sea permit (Reg. S0012-03). The current permit is valid until 31st December 2025. The current Dumping at Sea permit and Technical Amendment A are available on the EPA website (refer to link <https://epawebapp.epa.ie/terminalfour/DaS/DaS-view.jsp?regno=S0012-03>).

The Agency would like to advise that hydromorphological conditions of transitional and coastal waters in Ireland are assessed by the EPA using the Hydromorphology Quality Index (HQI). The hydromorphological conditions in the Lower Suir Estuary, Barrow Suir Nore Estuary and Waterford Harbour are currently classed as 'good', 'moderate' and 'good' respectively. Based on the information supplied with the Dumping at Sea Permit application, it is likely that there will be no change in the hydromorphological classification from the proposed activities.

The Agency would further advise that in considering and deciding on the maritime usage application that the proposed activity should not result in a contravention of the Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC, Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC, Birds Directive 2009/147/EC, Marine Strategy Framework Directive 2008/56/EC, Bathing Water Directive 73/160/EEC or Environmental Liabilities Directive 2004/35/EC.

For all further queries and correspondence, please contact eiaplanning@epa.ie.

Please note that there is no requirement for you to acknowledge receipt of this correspondence.

Yours faithfully,

Jose Alonso

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Dear all,

Please see attached letter in respect of Maritime Usage Licence application reference LIC230025. Please note that the final date for receipt of observations is 16/10/2025.

Kind regards,

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