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MUL250022 non-statutory request for observations from public bodies

Uisce Éireann survey River Suir Estuary

To whom it may concern,

Having reviewed the MUL250022 application from the perspective of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974 and the requirement therein to provide such aids to navigation as the volume of traffic justifies and the degree of risk requires, the Commissioners of Irish Lights as the National competent authority for marine aids to navigation under the Merchant Shipping Act 1894, wishes to make the following observations regarding this application.

The application refers to the deployment of metocean buoys in paragraph 3.1.A. Prior to any such deployment of marine aids to navigation (AtoN) a statutory consent must be applied for by the Local Lighthouse Authority (LLA) and granted by Irish Lights under the Merchant Shipping Act.

The Supporting Information for Screening Environmental Impact Assessment Table 3 advises of an intention to install a post to host metocean equipment. The position of this post is not indicated in the assessment. Please note that the placement of such a post in intertidal or navigable water may present a danger to the safety of navigation and, therefore, may require the establishment of an aid to navigation to inform the mariner.

Any Appropriate Assessment activity conducted as part of this MUL licensing process should include the impact of the deployment of beacons and/or surface marking buoys and associated moorings.

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