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Subject: RE: Final Reminder FS006845 - Storm Water Outfall, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin

Good afternoon Anita,

Please see my observations regarding the application FS006845.
The following observations regarding the application by Fingal County Council for the addition of a storm water outfall into Baldoyle Estuary.

1. There are no commercial fisheries operating within Baldoyle Estuary.
2. Baldoyle Estuary feeds directly into the southern end of the Malahide shellfish production area. Malahide is classified as A which permits the direct consumption of razor clams without any depuration or further processing. The Classified status of A affords the Irish Sea razor clam fleet and associated processors direct access to the Asian seafood market worth in excess of 8.5 million Euro at first sale. Live razor clams are harvested on a year round basis and arrive in the Asian seafood markets within 48 hours of harvesting.
3. Any deterioration in the water quality to the Malahide shellfish production area will remove direct access to the Asian live razor clam market by the Irish fleet and processors. The Malahide shellfish production has a number of existing outfalls feeding into it from. The surrounding areas which add to any risk of a reduction in water quality.
4. There is the potential for serious risks on food safety if system failure permit untreated sewage into the receiving waters of Malahide Shellfish production area. A robust system must be in place for the early detection and notification to prevent contaminated shellfish reaching consumers and the negative effects on the market.
5. All failures in the system in Mayne Road and Portmarnock bridge stations must be notified to both the SFPA HQ and the local SFPA Howth office so immediate measures can be put in place to ensure that contaminated shellfish does not enter the food chain.

Kind regards,
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