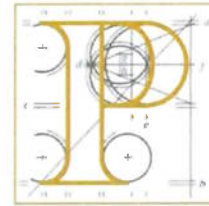


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**Date:** 01 March 2024

**Re:** Proposed transition and conversion of the existing 900MW electricity generating station from coal to heavy fuel oil and associated ancillary development at Moneypoint Generating Station, Moneypoint, Co. Clare. [www.moneypointsecurityofsupply.ie](http://www.moneypointsecurityofsupply.ie)  
Moneypoint Generating Station, Moneypoint, Co. Clare.

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Bord Pleanála has received your submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter.


The Board will revert to you in due course in respect of this matter.

Please be advised that copies of all submissions / observations received in relation to the application will be made available for public inspection at the offices of the local authority and at the offices of An Bord Pleanála when they have been processed by the Board.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Board's website: [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie).

If you have any queries in the meantime please contact the undersigned officer of the Board. Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

  
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Our Ref: PAR 4349

23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2024

**Re: Proposed strategic infrastructure development [PA03.319080] by Electricity Supply Board, Moneypoint Generating Station, Kilrush, Co. Clare**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you in response to a notification received from consultants acting on behalf of the Electricity Supply Board advising the Health and Safety Authority of a Strategic Infrastructure Development which is proposed for Electricity Supply Board Generating Station at Moneypoint, Kilrush, Co. Clare.

The Health and Safety Authority, acting as the Central Competent Authority under the Chemicals Act (Control of Major Accident Hazards Involving Dangerous Substances) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 209 of 2015), gives technical advice in response to a notice sent under Article 215 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2021.

Under Regulation 24(2) of S.I. 209 of 2015, the technical advice on the effects of a proposed development on the risk or consequences of a major accident relates to the following types of developments within the consultation distance for an establishment:

- (a) the siting and development of new establishments;
- (b) modifications to establishments of the type described in Regulation 12(1);
- (c) new developments including transport routes, locations of public use and residential areas in the vicinity of establishments, where the siting, modifications or developments may be the source of, or increase the risk or consequences of, a major accident.

A full explanation of the Authority's Land-use Planning advice system can be found at:  
[https://www.hsa.ie/eng/Your\\_Industry/Chemicals/Legislation\\_Enforcement/COMAH/Land\\_Use\\_Planning/](https://www.hsa.ie/eng/Your_Industry/Chemicals/Legislation_Enforcement/COMAH/Land_Use_Planning/)

A copy of the application was supplied to the Authority which was accessible through a dedicated website. The Health and Safety Authority can confirm, from the details received, that the development will constitute a modification to a COMAH establishment.





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The Authority will be in a position to provide technical advice for this application on receipt of a formal request from An Bord Pleanála

If you have any queries please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dermot O'Callaghan'.

***Dermot O' Callaghan***  
***Inspector,***  
***COMAH, Chemical Production & Storage (CCPS)***

***Encl: Note on the Approach of the HSA to the Provision of Land-use Planning Advice***





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### **Note on the Approach of the HSA to the Provision of Land-use Planning advice.**

The Authority, acting as the Central Competent Authority under the Chemicals Act (Control of Major Accident Hazards Involving Dangerous Substances) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 209 of 2015), gives technical advice in response to a notice sent by a planning authority under Part 11 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2015. Under Regulation 24(2) of S.I. 209 of 2015, the technical advice on the effects of a proposed development on the risk or consequences of a major accident relates to the following types of developments within the consultation distance for an establishment:

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- (b) modifications to establishments of the type described in Regulation 12(1);
- (c) new developments including transport routes, locations of public use and residential areas in the vicinity of establishments, where the siting, modifications or developments may be the source of, or increase the risk or consequences of, a major accident.

The advice given is for the purposes of assessing new development only. A full explanation of the Authority's Land Use Planning advice system can be found at [https://www.hsa.ie/eng/Your\\_Industry/Chemicals/Legislation\\_Enforcement/COMAH/Land\\_Use\\_Planning/](https://www.hsa.ie/eng/Your_Industry/Chemicals/Legislation_Enforcement/COMAH/Land_Use_Planning/)

Your attention is drawn to Regulation 24(3) of S.I. 209 of 2015:

*(3) The technical advice provided by the Central Competent Authority to a planning authority pursuant to paragraph (2) may be generic or case specific in nature and shall be so formulated that it will assist the planning authority to take into account the need, in the long term—*

- (a) to maintain appropriate safety distances between establishments covered by these Regulations and residential areas, buildings and areas of public use, recreational areas, and, as far as possible, major transport routes;*
- (b) to protect areas of particular natural sensitivity or interest in the vicinity of establishments, where appropriate through appropriate safety distances or other relevant measures; and*
- (c) for the operator to take additional technical measures, in the case of existing establishments, in accordance with Regulation 7, so as not to increase the risks to human health and the environment.*

In giving its advice the Authority does not deal with routine emissions. Such emissions will be subject to EPA or Local Authority scrutiny and control.





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The operator of an establishment covered by S.I. 209 of 2015 is also required to take all necessary measures to prevent major accidents occurring and to limit the consequences of any such major accidents for human health and the environment