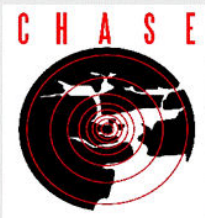


"A number of well designed studies have reported associations between developing certain cancers and living close to incinerator sites"
Irish Government Health Review Board

"Long term exposure to dioxin is linked to impairment of the immune system, the developing nervous system, the endocrine system and reproductive functions"
WHO Fact Sheet

"There is evidence that incinerator emissions may be associated with respiratory morbidity"
2003 Irish Government Health Review Board,

The incinerator will mean an extra 230 trucks a day bringing waste to Ringaskiddy



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Indaver Are Back — With Bigger Burners

An application for 2 incinerators in Ringaskiddy was submitted in December 2008, directly to An Bord Pleanala as a Fast-Track Strategic Infrastructure Application. The original planning expired on 15 Jan 2009.

The Municipal Incinerator will now burn 140,000 tonnes, and the Toxic Waste incinerator will burn 100,000 per annum.

What happens next?

The public must make submissions to An Bord Pleanala before 2 February, 2009.

The developers have had the benefit of a 'consultation period' with An Bord Pleanala.

Will there be another Oral Hearing?

Bord Pleanala will consider submissions and requests to hold an Oral Hearing. An Oral Hearing is not automatic, but would be hoped for.

How fast is the Fast-Track?

After the Oral Hearing, the inspector will make a recommendation, and the Bord will grant, or refuse planning. This process is expected to be complete by July 2009, with no recourse to planning appeal for any party (though costly court options do remain).

This may be our last chance to STAND UP AND FIGHT



Wrong Site Then...Wrong Site NOW

The site FAILS 13 of the 14 WHO guidelines on site selection for Hazardous Waste incinerators.

Bord Pleanala's Planning Inspector (Jan 2004) gave an unprecedented 14 reasons for refusing planning.

Government Ministers Willie O'Dea, Batt O'Keeffe and Micheal Martin all expressed opinions that the site, zoned for Port-related industries under the County Development Plan, with a specific exclusion on commercial incineration, is wrong.

Why is it worse now?

Use of the surrounding area has increased in line with Cork Area Strategic Plan due to

- Opening of Maritime College (72m away)
- Opening of UCC Coastal Marine Research Centre
- Traffic to Haulbowline Crematorium

- Relocation of Naval HQ to Haulbowline

Inspectors warnings about flooding became reality in October 2004. The site is just 5cm above high water mark now, with a rise in 28-43cm predicted by climatologists in the next 40 years.

The Irish Steel Toxic Waste debacle focused attention on the hazards of toxic waste, and related health issues in the community.

Cobh, less than 1km downwind of the incinerator site, already has a cancer incidence 44% above the national average. (National Cancer Registry, 2008)

Planning was granted in 2004 against ABP Inspectors advice because of GOVERNMENT POLICY

Serious HAZID To Community And Students

Explosions will go beyond the incinerator boundary, posing a serious risk of burning, killing or injuring passing students, staff and naval personnel.

This is clear from the developers Hazard Identification (HAZID) report.

- Highly flammable hazardous chemicals will be stored only 70m from the road beside the Maritime College Car Park and Bus Stop. (HAZID 2008)
- Cork County Council Fire Services said they could not fight a fire at the incinerator

site due to its location at the end of a peninsula with single road access (Oral Hearing 2003)

Indaver were prepared to build despite the 2002 HAZID report showing that

- A vapour cloud explosion in certain weather would result in blowing out the windows of the Maritime College
- A pool fire over a specific area would result in heat radiation sufficient to cause 2nd degree burns after 40 seconds at the edge of the Maritime College.

Time Running Out for Green Policy Changes

"This move away from incineration...is Government policy, and it is backed up by work carried out by waste experts in the Department of the Environment."
Minister John Gormley

"There is a need to find alternatives, as the existing measures in our existing plans have simply not delivered."
Minister John Gormley

"The proposed site... is objectively unsuitable to accommodate the proposed development"
Bord Pleanala Inspector

"There is not sufficient evidence before the Board to satisfy it that the proposed development would not pose risks to public safety in the event of major accident hazard"
Bord Pleanala Inspector

"It is considered that the site, by reason of its topography, its climatic conditions, its geological and hydrogeological characteristics, and the risk of erosion and flooding of parts of the site, would be fundamentally unsuitable to accommodate the proposed development..."
Bord Pleanala Inspector

Policy shifts away from incineration, announced by Environment Minister John Gormley, have not yet been written into policy - on which An Bord Pleanala bases its rulings.

Consultants, Eunomia, who are currently preparing a Waste Policy Review for Government, stated in a 2007 report that Incineration runs the risk of crowding out recycling options, and recommended options such as Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT), which can be brought to market quicker than incineration to meet the Landfill Directive.

With Minister Gormley outlining a maximum of 400,000 tonnes of waste available for final disposal, by incineration or other means, policy change must happen quickly or be futile.

A change in policy after Bord Pleanala have given incinerators the green light will be too late for good planning and for communities.



Meath	- 250,000	-Granted
Poolbeg	- 600,000	-Granted
Rathnew	250,000	- Awaits decision
1,100,000 tonnes		

Pork Lessons

The pork dioxin crisis damaged the Irish food industry with costs running into €millions.

- Accidents are not planned, they happen
- When the damage is done, it's too late
- Toxics must be removed from the environment, starting with prevention, and product and process re-design.
- With the help of industry, toxic reduction programs in Massachusetts eliminated the need to build 600,000 tonnes of hazardous waste incinerators.

All Aboard

This incinerator push has been rejected by

- 30,000 people who objected to the original application
- Cork County Council
- Bord Pleanala Senior Planning Inspector
- Farming, Tourism and Food interests
- Doctors and Midwives Organisations
- A majority of Local Councillors and TD's

**Add Your Voice
Make A Submission**

Objection Matters

Who can object?

Anyone can object, either as an individual or as a group. CHASE will be making a detailed submission, but it is essential that as many facets of the community make submissions.

How do I Object?

Just state your objections in a letter, send to address below, with a Cheque for €50, quoting ref no PL04 PA0010 before 2nd Feb 2009.

Objections need not be complicated, you can even use piece below and send it in.

If you have any questions or wish for assistance in making an objection, leave a message on the CHASE telephone (021) 4815564 or e-mail on info@chaseireland.org

Further information:

Proposal: www.ringaskiddywastetoenergy.ie
Details of planning process: www.pleanala.ie
More objection points: www.chaseireland.org

Dear Sirs, I object to the development of 2 incinerators at Ringaskiddy, Co Cork **reference no PL04 PA0010**, because of site unsuitability and I refer to the 14 reasons given by Philip Jones, An Bord Pleanala Senior Planning Inspector (Jan 2004).

I request an Oral Hearing on the Application.

Name of group/individual _____

Address _____

Send to
An Bord Pleanala, 64 Marlboro St, Dublin
with €50 Fee
before 2nd Feb 2009

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