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FW: Aarhus Request for Information on the Environment related to UCD and letters printed in Irish Times on 24th December and 24 February

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Mon, Mar 22, 2010 at 11:24 AM

Dear Mr Swords

Your correspondence has been passed to this office as it relates to items appearing in the media. However, as your query relates to opinions expressed by individual staff on the letters page, it is therefore appropriate for each of them to respond directly to you. I will forward your correspondence to both of them and ask them to respond directly to you.

Yours sincerely

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It's very, very simple. The Guidance document issued by the Department of the Environment states in Section 7.3 that public bodies should respond to requests, such as that below, positively and promptly. UCD has until the 28th of this month to do so to ensure legal compliance.

I do not take kindly to false information on the environment being disseminated to the public for the purpose of political or personal gain (see attached). Furthermore it is completely unacceptable when it is being done at the expense of people, some like myself who are UCD graduates, who are working in full compliance with all legislative requirements and are morally and ethically due a minimum level of respect. Not to mention the fact that they are paying the taxes and generating the wealth which funds UCD.

In the past I have been more than helpful with assisting the UCD Chemical Engineering Department. However, the situation below and the fact that I have not received a reply to date leaves me with a completely unpleasant viewpoint of what standards are now being applied in the place in which I did my degree. Rest assured others will be seeing this correspondence and drawing their own conclusions.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Pat Swords** <pat.swords.chemeng@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Feb 28, 2010 at 7:01 PM

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S.I. No. 133 of 2007 applies as UCD is a Public Body, see attached guidance on these regulations.

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(but e-mail is best as I'm out of the country most of the time as nobody in their right mind would invest in a country where the the principles of law and civil decency are not respected).

What I am requesting according to the Regulations:

(a) On the 24 February 2010 in the Letters section of the Irish Times it was stated by UCD "a dangerous onshore pipeline" with regard to the Corrib pipeline in Co. Mayo. Safety in the EU is regulated by Directive 89/391/EC and its daughter directives and further guidance on major accident hazards can be found in Directive 96/82/EC (as amended) and associated guidance from the EU. Directive 2003/4/EC is clear in Article 2 (1) that the safety of such an installation is environmental information for the purpose of the regulations. I am therefore requesting the full technical file developed by UCD, which clearly outlines according to the above legislation why the pipeline concerned is **dangerous**.

(b) On the 24 December 2009 in the Letters section of the Irish Times it was stated by UCD that "the impact of wind generation on the future electricity price is uncertain". Personally I am aware of the 2004 Eirgrid "Impact of Wind Power Generation in Ireland on the Operation of Conventional Plant and the Economic Implications", which clearly outlines the resultant cost basis as does the July 2009 Poyry Report encompassing more than 20,000 hours of technical input: <http://www.poyry.com/linked/group/study> . I am therefore requesting the full technical file developed by UCD which clearly outlines why the impact of wind generation on the future electricity price is uncertain. Note Article 2 (1) of Directive 2003/4/EC is clear in that energy and cost / benefit studies and other economic analyses are clearly environmental information for the purpose of the regulations.

3 attachments



Dept. of Environment Guideline on Access to Information.pdf
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Reply relating to Acknowledgement of Complaint Procedure by EU Commission 19-3-2010.pdf
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Reply from EU Ombudsman Jan 2010.pdf
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