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Access to Information on the Environment Request on Corrib Gas Pipeline Oral Hearing

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From reports in the paper: <http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/ireland/2010/0715/1224274738797.html> the relevant Oral Hearing is due to resume on 24th August. Yet there is no official indication of this on the Bord Pleanala website: <http://www.pleanala.ie/index.htm>.

The consolidated EIA Directive, see attached, contains the provisions of Directive 2003/35/EC on Access to Information, Public Participation and Access to Justice in Environmental matters (Aarhus Convention). It is clear in Article 6(2) that the public has to be informed of such Oral Hearings and under Article 6 (3) provided with access to the main reports and advice. It is clear from a search of An Bord Pleanala's website that no such information is available under the relevant case file PL16 .GA0004.

I am therefore requesting:

- The official details on the Oral Hearing, not the media reports.
- The relevant legislation on which An Bord Pleanala will make its decision.
- The criteria for assessing risk used by An Bord Pleanala in its decision making.
- The management plan(s) for the Natura sites relevant to proposed project and the criteria An Bord Pleanala uses for assessing the term 'significance' in relation to the Natura 2000 legislation. (http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/index_en.htm)

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