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Subject: Indaver Waste to Energy Facility Ringaskiddy

Dear Declan,

The Addendum to the Environmental Impact Statement on the Waste-to-Energy Facility, Ringaskiddy references the Porta Review 2009 which acknowledges an increased risk of cancer, particularly non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and soft tissue sarcoma, for populations living within 3km of 'old' incinerators. Whilst the WHO report also quoted suggests that newer incinerators might reduce such risk, it acknowledges that '*Evidence is inadequate to draw conclusions*' and '*relatively few good quality studies exist and they refer to old generation incineration plants*'.

In light of this it is essential, should the proposed incinerator receive planning approval, that adequate monitoring of its impact on public health is put in place. A baseline assessment of the health of the surrounding population should be undertaken in advance of the facility opening, and a robust system for monitoring the health of local residents be established throughout the lifetime of the incinerator. This will not only provide potential protection of the public's health, but also provide data that may contribute to the evidence that the WHO acknowledges is currently inadequate.

It would be recommended that Indaver Ireland take responsibility for funding a reputable, independent body to undertake the appropriate public health surveillance and monitoring.

Yours sincerely,

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