



Annual Environmental Report (AER) 2023

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Class of Activity¹: 11

¹ See Appendix I

Purpose of this Report

One of the functions of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is to licence and regulate the activities² of large scale industrial (e.g. chemical, food processors, power plants) and waste facilities. Submitting an Annual Environmental Report (AER) is a requirement of all EPA licences.

An AER is a public document. To this end, this format has been developed for industrial and waste licence holders (other than the intensive agriculture sector) to use as a template. This is to assist any member of the public to interpret and understand the environmental performance of the licensed facility.

The AER is a **summary** of environmental information for a given year. It includes:

- Details of the licence holder's environmental goals achieved, goals to maintain compliance and/or improve their environmental performance;
- Answers to questions regarding their facility's activities;
- Tables of results from monitoring emissions such as air, water, noise, and odour; and
- Details of waste generated, accepted and treated.

An AER does **not** provide detailed technical data. Such information is available in three ways:

- 1) Contacting the licence holder directly. The Contact Us section of this template enables the licence holder to provide details of where a member of the public can obtain further information on topics reported in this document.

² See Appendix I

- 2) Some documents³ are available on the EPA website via the licence details page for each individual licence. This can be found by browsing either the <http://www.epa.ie/licensing/> or <http://www.epa.ie/enforcement/> pages of the EPA website.
- 3) All formal enforcement correspondence exchanged between the EPA and a licence holder during the regulatory process is available for public viewing by appointment at any EPA Office.

If you have a question or query about an AER or an individual EPA licensed facility see the EPA's website or contact the relevant EPA office. See <http://www.epa.ie/about/contactus/> for contact details.

³ This includes EPA site inspection and compliance monitoring reports, licence holders' self-monitoring reports, AERs and special reports

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Glossary

Abatement Equipment	Technology used to reduce pollution
AER	Annual Environmental Report.
Beyond Compliance	Beyond compliance is concept to help deliver greater organisational performance and long-term value for the environment, society and the economy.
CRAMP	Closure, Restoration and Aftercare Management Plan.
ELRA	Environmental Liability Risk Assessment.
Emission Limit Value	Limits set for specified emissions, typically outlined in Schedule B of an EPA licence.
EMS	Environmental Management System.
Environmental Goal	An objective or target set by a licensee as part of an environmental management system (EMS).
Environmental Pollutant	Substance or material that due to its quantity and/or nature has a negative impact on the environment.
Facility	Any site or premises that holds an EPA industrial or waste licence.
FP	Financial Provision.
GJ	Giga joules, an international unit of energy measurement.

Groundwater	All water which is below the surface of the ground in the saturation zone and in direct contact with the ground or subsoil.
Incident	As defined by an EPA industrial or waste licence.
Inert Waste	Is waste that will not undergo physical, chemical or biological change thereby, is unlikely to cause environmental pollution or harm human health.
List of Wastes (LoW)	A list of wastes drawn up by the European Commission and published as Commission Decision 2014/955/EU.
Noise Sensitive Location	Any dwelling house, hotel or hostel, health building, educational establishment, place of worship or entertainment, or any other installation or area of high amenity which for its proper enjoyment requires the absence of noise at nuisance levels.
Non-Renewable Resource	A resource of economic value that cannot be replaced at the same rate it is being consumed e.g. coal, peat, oil and natural gas.
Oil Separator	Separator system for light liquids (e.g. oil and petrol).
PRTR	Pollutant Release and Transfer Register.
Renewable Resource	Wind, solar, aerothermal, geothermal, hydrothermal and ocean energy, hydropower, biomass, landfill gas, sewage treatment plant gas and biogases.
Sanitary Waste	Waste water from toilet, washroom and canteen facilities.

Storm Water	Rain water run-off from roof and non-process areas.
Surface Water	Lakes, rivers, streams, estuaries and coastal waters.
Trigger Level	A value set for a specific parameter, the achievement or exceedance of which requires certain actions to be taken by the licence holder.
Volatile Organic Compounds	Gases produced from solids or liquids that evaporate readily in ambient conditions.
Waste	Any substance or object which the holder discards or intends or is required to discard.

Disclaimer

These are **not** legal definitions. Legal definitions can be found in the corresponding legislation.

Declaration

I, Eamonn Pidgeon (Compliance Manager), confirm that by ticking the box below, all information in this report is truthful and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

In addition, I confirm that all monitoring and performance reporting required by our EPA licence and summarised herein is available for inspection by the EPA.

Tick here



Introduction

See below a brief description of our facility and a summary of our

1) environmental performance this year.

KMK's Tullamore facility has been in operation since 1985. The facility is approximately 12,900 m² in size and all areas of the site are in active use. The hours of waste acceptance and operation are Monday to Friday 06:00 to 22:00, Saturdays 06:00 to 14:00, while the facility is closed on Sundays / public holidays. There are currently an average of 135 full-time employees working at the facility. The facility is authorised to accept hazardous and non-hazardous waste, including metals, WEEE and batteries. The licensed operations at the facility include the recovery of material from metallic wastes, dismantling and recycling of small household appliances/IT equipment, dismantling and recycling of CRT (cathode ray tubes) screens, the bulking and temporary storage of fridges and freezers, dismantling and recycling of large household appliances, the bulking and temporary storage of fluorescent tubes and bulbs and the sorting of batteries. The facility is certified to ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 45001 and the WEEELABEX/EN 50625 series standards. The facility is licensed with a capacity to accept 35,000 tonnes per annum; in 2023, 21,036.281 tonnes were received.

Environmental Performance Summary:

- No environmental incidents.
- No open compliance investigations with the EPA.
- No complaints.
- No non-compliances in 2023.
- No major changes / amendments to the IE licence in 2023.
- There has been an increase in electricity use at the facility compared to previous years. This is likely due to new plant equipment installed.
- There were no construction projects in 2023 compared to previous years.

Contact Us

If you have any questions or would like further information on any aspect of our licensed activity, please contact us directly.

See below details:

Telephone: 057 93 41634

E-mail: info@kmk.ie

Website: <https://www.kmk.ie/>

Please note, further compliance information can be obtained from the 'Compliance' section of the website. The 'Audit Us' sub-section contained therein provides free to download compliance documentation which is commonly requested during either desktop or on-site audits/inspections:
<https://www.kmk.ie/documents/>

KMK also maintain a communications programme in the form of a physical environmental file at the facility, ensuring members of the public can obtain on-site information concerning the environmental performance of the facility. The new EPA Leap Online also contains information shared with the EPA on a regular basis.

How we Manage our Facility

Environmental Management System

2)

Explanation

To ensure our facility's activities do not cause environmental pollution we are required to have detailed documentation systems in place to help us manage and track our environmental performance. These systems are referred to as Environmental Management Systems (EMS). We review our EMS every year and set up-to-date **environmental goals** to continually improve our environmental performance.

The information below sets out the environmental goals for our facility to help us prevent environmental pollution and reduce our impact on the environment. Target dates for completing each goal and progress towards achieving the goal are outlined in Table 1.

Table 1 Environmental Goals

Environmental Goal	Target Date	Progress
Foul Sewer Connection	Q4 2023	In Progress
Research R2 requirements for better and secure management of WEEE	Q4 2023	Complete
Improve Dust suppression on site and ensure compliance to license limits and trigger values for 2023	Q2 2023	Complete
Improve PV panel setup and energy data on site	Q3 2023	Complete

Add rows as necessary

Comment

Out of four environmental objectives in 2023 three were achieved while one remains in progress due to measures out of KMK's control.

Beyond Compliance

Explanation

We are legally required to comply with our environmental licence. However, the EPA realise that some sites go further than just complying with their environmental licence requirements. Some projects carried out at facilities can have long term positive impacts on the environment and local communities.

The EPA's beyond compliance initiative is encouraging us to identify and report on these environmental and sustainability projects. For example, the project could involve renewable energy, biodiversity, water conservation or exemplar community engagement.

Did any project completed on your site in the reporting year go beyond your licence requirements?

Yes

No

If yes, provide details of one case study in Appendix III that demonstrates how the project went beyond compliance of your licence.

Energy & Water

Energy

3)

Explanation

Fossil fuels such as coal, gas and oil are non-renewable resources. As a result, our EPA licence requires that we measure our energy use and set targets to improve the energy efficiency of our activities and reduce our overall use, where possible. Where we have the means and technology on-site to generate energy, this is also captured in this report.

The information below summarises the energy used this year compared to the previous year and includes renewable and non-renewable energy types.

Table 3 Energy Used

Energy Used	Quantity kWh	% Increase/ decrease on previous year
Electricity	623606.76	16% Increase
Kerosene	51069.20	3.77% Increase
Green/Road Diesel	1192181.83	2.55% Increase
Natural Gas	0	
Coal / Solid Fuel	0	
Peat	0	
Renewable Biomass	0	
Total Energy Used	1866857.79	7% Increase
Renewable Energy Generated On-site	52,000	25% Decrease

Comment

Compared to 2022 there has been an increase in energy use for the year 2023. Electricity showed a large increase; however this is likely due to new processing equipment which was installed in February 2023. Data around

this time represents the same. KMK also have 4 Ev company cars which charge weekly on site and our onsite charging points are available to all customers and visitors who visit the site.

Kerosene seen a small increase this year, 2023 was similar temperatures to 2022 however there were more wet days and likely the heating was on for additional days.

Green diesel saw a small increase also; however, this can be likely attributed to KMK purchasing an additional collection vehicle. Renewable energy generated is down compared to 2022 and this is because KMK had issues with the system in Q4 2023.

The information below summarises the energy we generated on our site this year with specific focus on renewable energy generation.

Table 4 Energy Generated

Energy Generated	Quantity (kWH)	% Increase/ decrease on previous year
Renewable Energy	52,000	25% decrease
Total Energy Generated	52,000	25% decrease

Comment

2023 saw approximately 25% decrease compared to 2022. There are a couple of factors to be considered.

1. 2023 compared to 2022 was a very wet year. The panels generated the most energy between April and June. July to September were very wet months and energy generated was down.
2. KMK in September then had issues on site with the panels where the system was switching off and power was not being generated. This has since been resolved.

Water

Explanation

Water is a natural resource and we are required by our EPA licence to identify ways to reduce our use where possible. Water used in industry can be extracted from groundwater, rivers and lakes (surface water), taken from public water supplies (Irish Water), recycled from the facility's processes or harvested from rainwater.

The information below summarises and compares the quantity of water used this year compared to the previous year.

Table 5 Water Used

Source of Water Used	Quantity (m³/year)	% Increase/ decrease on previous year
Groundwater	1486.06	+2.5%
Surface Water	0	
Public Supply	0	
Recycled Water	0	
Rainwater	858	-23.25%
Total Water Used	2,344.06	

Comment

*Estimated figures

The facility does not have access to the Public Water Supply and therefore water used on-site is from a groundwater source. A rainwater harvester is installed on-site and used to suppress any dust generated on-site.

Groundwater usage increased in 2023 by (2.5%) compared to 2022. This is likely due to additional staff hired. Rainwater use reduced in 2023 likely due to the increased rainfall in 2023 and a very wet summer but also the

additional roof cover which reduced evaporation on the concrete areas meaning they were damp for longer.

Environmental Complaints

Explanation

- 4) Our EPA licence requires that activities do not cause environmental nuisance such as odour, dust or noise. Our licence also requires that we have procedures in place to record, investigate and respond to environmental complaints if or when they arise.

We have an environmental complaints procedure in place where you can contact us⁴ directly. You can also contact the EPA⁵ if you wish to make an environmental complaint, confidentially or not.

See the information below for a summary of **all** the environmental complaints relating to our activities made directly to us and to the EPA this year.

Table 6 Summary of All Environmental Complaints Received in

Type of Complaint	Number of Complaints	Number Closed
Odour / Smells	0	N/A
Noise	0	N/A
Dust	0	N/A
Water Quality	0	N/A
Air Quality	0	N/A
Waste	0	N/A
Litter	0	N/A
Vermin/Flies/Birds	0	N/A
Soil Contamination	0	N/A
Vibration	0	N/A
Other	0	N/A

⁴ See Section 1, Introduction – Contact Us

⁵ If you wish to contact the EPA to make an environmental complaint about an EPA licenced facility, please go to <https://lema.epa.ie/complaints>

Comment

No environmental complaints were made directly to us or the EPA in 2023. The Tullamore facility has a good track record regarding its impact on the surrounding environment and nuisance potential for its neighbours. The site is well maintained, clean and tidy with little noise, dust, or odour.

Environmental Incidents

Explanation

5) It is our responsibility as an EPA licensed facility to ensure we have systems in place to prevent incidents that have the potential to cause environmental pollution. If an incident occurs, we are required to report it to the EPA, investigate the cause and fix the problem.

The EPA classify environmental incidents into 5 categories based on the potential impact on the environment:

- Minor
- Limited
- Serious
- Very Serious
- Catastrophic

See Table 6 for the number of the environmental incidents we reported to the EPA this year.

Table 7 Number of Environmental Incidents

Incident Category	Minor	Limited	Serious	Very Serious	Catastrophic
Abatement Equipment Offline	0	0	0	0	0
Breach of Ambient ELV	0	0	0	0	0
Breach of Emission Limit	0	0	0	0	0
Explosion	0	0	0	0	0
Fire	0	0	0	0	0
Monitoring Equipment Failure	0	0	0	0	0
Odour	0	0	0	0	0
Spillage	0	0	0	0	0
Breach of trigger Level	0	0	0	0	0
Uncontrolled Release	0	0	0	0	0

Incident Category	Minor	Limited	Serious	Very Serious	Catastrophic
Other	0	0	0	0	0

Comment

KMK had no environmental incidents in 2023.

Our Environmental Emissions

6) **Explanation**

We are required to ensure the emissions from our activities do not cause environmental pollution.

We are required to monitor any of the following emissions that we make:

- Storm water
- Waste water
- Air
- Groundwater
- Noise

We regularly test any such emissions for specific pollutants and materials to ensure they do not contain levels of pollution that exceed emission limit values (ELVs) or cause environmental pollution. If monitoring of an emission indicates an ELV is exceeded, we are required to report this to the EPA⁶.

The next sub-sections of this report summarise our compliance with any ELVs set in our EPA licence. Some emissions monitored do not have specific ELVs, but we still carry out monitoring and report all incidents that may give rise to environmental pollution.

⁶ See section 5, Incidents

Storm Water

Explanation

Storm water is rain water run-off from roof and non-process areas of a facility, e.g. carparks, and generally shall not contain any pollution. Storm water is usually released into a local water body after a basic form of treatment. Our EPA licence requires that we manage storm water to ensure no polluting substances or materials are released into the environment.

The information below summarises how the storm water from our facility is treated, where it is released and the results of monitoring this year.

1. Storm water from our facility is managed prior to release by;

Captured within the site surface water network which is currently a closed system.

2. Storm water from our facility is released into the following water bodies:

N/A. Storm water from our facility is captured on-site and tankered for treatment at the local Tullamore wastewater treatment plant.

Table 8 Summary of Storm Water Monitoring

Parameter measured	No. of Samples	% Compliant⁷	Comment
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Add rows as necessary

Comment

The wastewater sent to Irish Water is treated in accordance with the conditions of their Wastewater Discharge Authorisation (Reg. No. D0039-01). EPS and Irish water share the results with KMK upon request.

⁷ % compliant = [(number of samples compliant) / (number of samples taken)] x 100. Compliance could refer to emission limit values or trigger levels. The EPA commonly use trigger levels on stormwater discharges.

Waste Water

Explanation

There are two types of waste water that can be produced:

- Process waste water produced from the activities and;
- Sanitary waste water from toilets, washrooms and canteens.

Our EPA licence requires us to manage our waste water on or off-site and ensure that it does not cause environmental pollution when discharged into the environment.

The information below summarises how we treat the waste water produced from our activities, where it is released and the results of monitoring this year.

1. Waste water produced by our activities is treated as follows before discharge to a receiving waterbody;

KMK do not use Water in any of our processes, however any wastewater produced by our activities is treated by Irish Water (Tullamore plant - Reg. No. D0039-01) before discharge to a receiving waterbody.

2. Treated waste water from our facility is released into the following water bodies:

Treated waste water from our facility is released into the following water bodies:

Tullamore River

Table 9 Summary of Waste Water Monitoring

Parameter measured	No. of Samples	% Compliant	Comment
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Add rows as necessary

Comment

The wastewater sent to Irish Water is treated in accordance with the conditions of their Wastewater Discharge Authorisation (Reg. No. D0039-01).

Air

Explanation

Generally, three types of air emissions are monitored from industry in Ireland: gases, dust (particulates) and odour. Our EPA licence requires us to ensure that any air emissions from our activities do not cause air pollution or create an odour nuisance.

The information below details the number of air emission points we monitor, the results from testing the air emissions and any odour assessments carried out by us and the EPA this year.

1. We monitor air emissions from the following number of emission points at our facility.

1 (Ref. A2-5)

Table 10 Summary of Air Emissions Monitoring

Parameter measured	No. of Samples	% Compliant	Comment
Total Particulates	4	100%	
Volumetric Flow Rate	4	100%	
Aluminium	4	100%	
Arsenic	4	100%	
Cadmium	4	100%	
Chromium	4	100%	
Copper	4	100%	
Iron	4	100%	
Mercury	4	100%	
Nickel	4	100%	
Lead	4	100%	

Zinc	4	100%	

Add rows as necessary

Comment

Quarterly monitoring is undertaken by an independent and accredited stack emissions testing company to verify continuous measurements and to take measurements of the non-continuous emission parameters.

Table 11 Summary of Odour Assessments Carried Out

Assessment Conducted By	No. of Odour Assessments	% Compliant⁸	Comment
Licence Holder	N/A	N/A	N/A
EPA	N/A	N/A	N/A

Add rows where necessary

Comment

The waste profile of metals, WEEE and batteries are not known to generate odours. Due to this fact, odour monitoring is not required at the facility.

⁸ A compliant odour assessment is based on EPA Odour Impact Assessment Guidance available at [Air Enforcement | Environmental Protection Agency \(epa.ie\)](#)

Fugitive Solvent Emissions

Are you required to monitor fugitive solvent air emissions from your facility?

Yes

No

Explanation

The use of solvents is regulated under Irish and European Union (EU) Regulations⁹. Solvents are chemicals that, by their nature, are volatile (evaporate readily under ambient conditions). Solvents can be found in many inks, glues and cleaning agents. Due to the volatility of solvents some emissions may be released into the atmosphere during our activities before being captured in our air treatment system. This type of emission is called a **fugitive solvent emission**.

The information below summarises the quantity of solvents used this year, the percentage of fugitive solvent emissions (% of total quantity used) and whether the percentage complied with the targets set in the EU Regulations.

Table 12 Summary of Fugitive Solvent Emissions

Quantity of Solvents Used (Kg)	% Fugitive Solvent Emissions	Compliant
N/A	N/A	N/A

Comment

N/A

⁹ See Annex VII of the Industrial Emissions Directive

<https://ec.europa.eu/environment/industry/stationary/ied/legislation.htm>

Groundwater

Explanation

Groundwater is an important and sensitive resource in Ireland. Our EPA licence requires that we monitor groundwater to ensure our activities do not cause groundwater pollution.

Understanding how groundwater flows through soil and rock layers and eventually into surface and coastal waters is a complex science. Sometimes groundwater pollution that occurred in the past can take years and even decades to disappear. Therefore, it is important that experts help us monitor and interpret results from groundwater monitoring and testing.

The information below is a basic summary of the condition of the groundwater this year.

1. Do you have a groundwater monitoring programme in place?

Yes

No

2. Have the groundwater monitoring results over the last 5 years indicated the presence of groundwater pollution?

Yes

No

Table 13 List of Groundwater Pollutants Identified

Pollutants
Arsenic
Nickel

Add rows as necessary

3. Give details of the investigations and subsequent actions taken, where applicable, to manage the groundwater pollution.

A full assessment of facility groundwater began in 2018 due to concerns over the contaminants arsenic and nickel.

Monitoring/surveying took place during the summer that year and a one-off report was then prepared by an independent consultancy which within it suggested monitoring an additional off-site groundwater monitoring point located upgradient of the facility, making some well repairs and increasing the frequency of monitoring to bi-annually to assess seasonal fluctuations.

Well repairs were completed in 2019.

In 2020, the off-site groundwater monitoring point located upgradient of the facility was re-drilled so that it extended to the bedrock and results were therefore directly comparable with the results of the on-site facility wells. Groundwater monitoring was also increased with the EPA to quarterly. Monitoring continues to take place.

Comment

To date, the contaminants of arsenic and nickel have been detected in high concentrations upgradient of the facility during each monitoring event. This would indicate that the arsenic and nickel contamination is not occurring due to activity at the Tullamore facility but from an off-site source. Groundwater investigations will continue and KMK wish to return to annual monitoring in 2024.

Noise

Explanation

Our EPA licence requires that we monitor noise emissions from our facility. Noise monitoring can be conducted at the boundary of our facility and/or at locations beyond the boundary referred to as “noise sensitive locations”. Noise monitoring requires the use of special noise monitoring equipment. Our EPA licence requires that noise produced by our facility shall not exceed the noise limit values and/or give rise to nuisance.

The information below gives a summary of when and where we conducted noise monitoring this year and if results complied with our EPA licence limits.

1. We conducted noise monitoring on the following dates this year:

23rd May 2023

2. Where was the noise monitoring carried out?

- i. the boundary of our facility;
- ii. noise sensitive locations off-site; or
- iii. both.

Noise Sensitive Locations

3. Were measured noise levels compliant with your EPA licence limits?

Yes

No

If No, we took the following actions to address the noise level exceedances?

N/A

Comment

N/A

Waste

Waste Generated

7)

Explanation

Our EPA licence requires us to manage the waste we generate in a manner that does not cause environmental pollution.

We manage, store and record hazardous, non-hazardous and inert waste we generate in accordance with our licence. We ensure that this waste is subsequently treated or disposed of in accordance with the relevant waste Regulations.

The information in Table 14 is a summary of waste we generated this year and the percentage increase or decrease on the previous year. The percentage recovery is the amount of total waste generated that was reused, recycled or recovered.

Table 14 Waste Generated

Type	Quantity (Tonnes)	% Increase/ decrease on previous year	% Recovery
Hazardous	49.496	91% Decrease	100%
Non-Hazardous	1,634.77	10.34% Increase	100%
Inert			
Total Tonnes	1,684.273	18% Decrease	

Comment

The majority of material generated on site in 2023 was from waste water in the interceptors that is tankered to EPS Tullamore and Waste Absorbent Powder material/rags that is used for cleaning any small spill leaks or placing around equipment when maintenance is taking place. Overall there was 18% less waste generated in 2023.

Waste Accepted

Did you accept waste onto your facility for storage, treatment, recovery or disposal this year?

Yes

No

Explanation

Our EPA licence requires us to manage the waste we accept in a manner that does not cause environmental pollution.

We manage, store and record all incoming and outgoing hazardous, non-hazardous and inert waste. The waste we accept may be treated, recovered, disposed or stored at our facility depending on our licence requirements.

The information in Table 15 provides a summary of waste we accepted this year and the percentage increase or decrease on the previous year. The percentage recovery is the amount of total waste accepted that was reused, recycled or recovered.

Table 15 Waste Accepted

Type	Quantity (Tonnes)	% Increase/ decrease on previous year	% Recovery
Hazardous	14,075.421	0.66% Decrease	96.63%
Non-Hazardous	6,960.86	18% Decrease	94.31%
Inert	0		
Total Tonnes	21,036.021	6.43% Decrease	

Comment

Hazardous and Non Hazardous waste accepted by KMK was recycled and treated to a high recovery rate in 2023. The overall tonnage collected was slightly lower than that of 2022 (6.43% Decrease).

Financial Provision

Explanation

- 8) Our EPA licence requires us to assess the risk our activities pose to the environment if we cease our activities or if an incident occurred. If we are identified as a high risk facility¹⁰ by the EPA, we are required to put provision in place such as a financial bond or insurance to cover the cost of restoring our site to a satisfactory condition. This financial provision can then be used to cover the cost of managing the restoration or clean up should such an event occur.

1. Are you required to have an agreed financial provision in place?

Yes

No

2. What year was your Closure, Restoration and Aftercare Management Plan (CRAMP) last agreed by the Agency?

2023 the CRAMP was last updated and agreed with the Agency.

3. What year was your Environmental Liability Assessment Report (ELRA) agreed by the Agency?

The ELRA was reviewed in 2023 and agreed also with the Agency.

4. Has there been any significant changes on your site since the last agreements?

Yes

No

If yes, have you submitted details to the EPA?

Yes

No

N/A

¹⁰ See Appendix II

Appendix I

Class of Activity

Industrial and waste facilities are classed into different sectors depending on the nature of their activity and its potential impact on the environment. The EPA Act 1992 as amended, outlines these as follows:

Class 1	Minerals and other materials
Class 2	Energy
Class 3	Metals
Class 4	Mineral fibres and glass
Class 5	Chemicals
Class 6	Intensive Agriculture ¹¹
Class 7	Food and drink
Class 8	Wood, paper, textiles and leather
Class 9	Fossil fuels
Class 10	Cement, lime and magnesium oxide
Class 11	Waste
Class 12	Surface Coatings
Class 13	Other Activities

¹¹ This reporting template is not applicable to the **intensive agriculture sector**. Their annual environmental reporting structure is different and can be found at [Compliance & Enforcement: Licensees: Reporting Publications | Environmental Protection Agency \(epa.ie\)](#)

Appendix II

High Environmental Risk Categories

If an industrial or waste licence falls into one of these categories it is deemed, by the EPA, as a high environmental risk. As a result, the licence holder is required to have financial provision in place. See section 8, Financial Provision.

1. Landfills
2. Non-Hazardous Waste Transfer Station
3. Incineration and Co-Incineration Waste Facilities
4. Category A – Extractive Waste Facilities
5. Upper and Lower Tier Seveso Facilities
6. Hazardous Waste Transfer Stations
7. High Risk Contaminated Land
8. Exceptional Circumstances

NOTE:

This list is subject to change.

See the link below for further information.

[Compliance & Enforcement: Financial Provisions Publications | Environmental Protection Agency \(epa.ie\)](#)

Appendix III

Beyond Compliance

The case study below shows how we went beyond the requirements of our licence in the reporting year.

KMK in 2023 upgraded old recycling technology with newer efficient technology. A larger cyclone was put in place for further fine dust and metal removal.

KMK and Electronic Recycling also set up a new non-profit project called WEEE2tree and was setup to help fund the development of native trees, recreational woodlands and other biodiversity programmes. In the future, the initiative will allow customers of KMK Metals Recycling and Electronic Recycling to contribute financially to upcoming projects.