

DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT and RURAL AFFAIRS

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CO TYRONE BUSINESS FINED FOR CAUSING DISCHARGE TO ENTER A WATERWAY

Donmac Farms Limited, Drumenny Road, Coagh, Co Tyrone pleaded guilty and was fined £8,500 at Dungannon Magistrates Court today.

On 5 October 2015 Water Quality Inspectors (WQIs), acting on behalf of the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) inspected a waterway at Drumenny Road, Coagh and observed the bed of the waterway was black with a grey white fungus present. The WQIs entered the farm and proceeded to a storm inspection chamber. They detected a strong agricultural odour from the inspection chamber which was piped to the waterway.

A sample taken on 5 October 2015 confirmed that the discharge contained poisonous, noxious or polluting matter which was potentially harmful to fish life in the receiving waterway.

A dye test confirmed the discharge from the inspection chamber where the sample had been collected was making its way to the waterway.

NOTES TO EDITORS:

1. Donmac Farms Limited was charged under Article 7(1)(a) of the Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 for the offence of making a polluting discharge to a waterway.
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