

Regulation Unit

**Section Reference:** LA02/2018/1145/F

**Location:** Cloghan Point Oil Terminal, Quay Lane, Whitehead

### **Considerations**

Additional information including an updated environmental assessment technical note and a revised Quantitative Risk Assessment has been submitted by GEXCON UK Ltd. (GEXCON) in support of this application.

Regulation Unit (RU) Land and Groundwater Team have considered the new information and have no comment to make. RU note that advice provided previously remains applicable.

### **Explanatory note**

The comments below are not exhaustive but serve to capture key points in support of the Regulation Unit (RU) Land and Groundwater Team position outlined above. These comments are made on consideration of:

- GEXCON UK Ltd. (GEXCON) 'Technical Note – Environmental Assessment' dated 13/05/2019. Project No: 200706. Technical Note No: 2.
- GEXCON UK Ltd. (GEXCON) 'Quantitative Risk Assessment of Cloghan Point Terminal' dated 10/05/2019. Ref: Gexcon-19-200706-RA1. Rev 02.

1. The priorities of the RU in assessing this planning application are to consider the potential for contamination to be present at the site that could impact on environmentally sensitive receptors including groundwater and surface water. It should be noted that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council is the authoritative body with respect to environmental health matters and we would ask that you ensure they have an opportunity to comment on all relevant information.
2. Regulation Unit (RU) Land and Groundwater Team responded previously (24/03/2021) to the Planning Authority in consideration of a Land Contamination Generic Quantitative Risk Assessment (GQRA) provided in support of this application. In this response RU advised no objection provided Conditions and Informatives are placed on any Planning Decision Notice as recommended.
3. Additional information including an updated environmental assessment technical note and a revised Quantitative Risk Assessment has been submitted by GEXCON UK Ltd. (GEXCON) in support of this application. The environmental assessment considers a number of scenarios such as fuel pipeline or pumping failure and assesses risk to the environment, including Belfast Lough, from fuel release. The Quantitative Risk assessment report assesses risk to human health from operations at the existing facility and at the proposed extension.
4. Regulation Unit (RU) Land and Groundwater Team have considered the new information and have no comment to make. RU note that advice provided previously to the Planning Authority in respect of land contamination remains applicable.