



Media Statement

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Department moves to prosecute brick company

The Department of Environment and Conservation has charged a brick manufacturing company for allegedly contravening its licence under the Environmental Protection Act.

The company has been charged with contravening a condition of its licence contrary to section 58(1) of the Act.

Director General Keiran McNamara said the move came after the company allegedly failed to monitor at two of three required air monitoring sites and provide related ambient fluoride reports.

Mr McNamara said an investigation carried out by the Environmental Enforcement Unit confirmed the alleged breach of licence, and the company was prosecuted in accordance with the Department's enforcement policy.

"The Department has scrutinised the company's licence and has amended it to ensure stringent monitoring is carried out in the future," he said.

"It is essential that all brickworks meet departmental and community expectations."

Mr McNamara also confirmed the Department was continuing its ongoing audit of all brick making facilities in the metropolitan area to ensure they complied with environmental approvals licence conditions and the Department's brickworks policy.

The company is due to appear in the Midland Magistrates Court on 11 January 2007.

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Note to Editors and News Directors: The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) was formed on July 1, 2006 through the amalgamation of the Department of Environment and the Department of Conservation and Land Management.