

## CHASE - Campaigning for the Future

CHASE is an umbrella organization for groups determined to protect the health of their communities and safeguard the harbour environment for future generations, and most immediately, stop the building of a hazardous waste incinerator at Ringaskiddy.

With community support CHASE has campaigned vigorously against the proposed incinerator: raising awareness, proposing alternatives, lobbying our elected representatives, and making detailed, reasoned objections to Cork County Council, An Bord Pleanala and the EPA.

There are currently two cases concerning the incinerator at the High Court. A case against An Bord Pleanala has been granted a hearing and awaits a date, and a case against the EPA awaits a preliminary hearing.



Fire at Hammond Lane Metalworks - enclosed on 3 sides by incinerator site

Fire at a hazardous waste facility in Carolina, Oct 2006



### The Ringaskiddy Proposal Breaches:

- ◇ Current EU Laws
- ◇ The Cork County Development Plan
- ◇ The Cork Area Strategic Plan
- ◇ Basel Convention Recommendations on the Siting of Hazardous Waste Facilities
- ◇ Numerous International Treaties

*A vapour cloud explosion in certain weather conditions would result in blowing out the windows of the Maritime College.....A pool fire over a specific area would result in heat radiation sufficient to cause 2nd degree burns after 40 seconds at the edge of the Maritime College.*

*Indaver Hazid Report*

*"We recommend no further waste incinerators be built." - Dec 2006*

*4th Report of the British Society for Ecological Medicine, 'The Health Effects of Waste Incinerators'*

Full campaign details, health risks, planning reports, etc:

[www.chaseireland.org](http://www.chaseireland.org)

# General Election 2007

*time to choose....*

# Vote

For Cork Harbour ✓  
For a Clean Environment ✓  
For your Childrens Future ✓

Vote only for candidates with  
**NO INCINERATION**  
In their Party Policies



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## To Date, Government Policy has delivered:

### ■ Market Opportunities for Incinerator Industry

- ◇ Nov 2001, Planning application for a **100,000 tonne hazardous waste incinerator at Ringaskiddy, Co Cork** lodged with Cork County Council.
- ◇ An Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) licence for an additional 100,000 tonne municipal waste incinerator on the same site has also been granted, in advance of lodging any planning application.
- ◇ Up to **8 commercial incinerators** are planned across country.

### ■ Erosion of Democracy

- ◇ 2002-2003, Over 30,000 people lodge objections with Cork County Council.
- ◇ May 2003, Cork County Council **REFUSES PLANNING** for the proposed incinerator.
- ◇ Sept 2003, 3 week Oral Hearing by An Bord Pleanala presided over by Senior Planning Inspector, Mr. Philip Jones. In his Report the Senior Inspector recommends refusing planning permission and gives an **unprecedented 14 major reasons for refusal**.
- ◇ January 2004, **An Bord Pleanala GRANTS permission citing NATIONAL POLICY**. After three meetings, the Board of An Bord Pleanala decides not to accept the recommendations of their Senior Inspector and grants permission to Indaver to build a hazardous waste incinerator at Ringaskiddy on the grounds of National Policy.

### ■ Government Appointment of Incinerator Lobbyists

- ◇ July 2004, **Government appoints Laura Burke, then of Indaver Ireland, as a Director of the EPA**. Ms Burke came directly from employment by Indaver Ireland as Project Manager for the Meath and Ringaskiddy projects. At this stage both proposals were awaiting EPA licences.
- ◇ November 2006, Minister Dick Roche appoints **Conal Boland of RPS Consulting to the Board of An Bord Pleanala**. RPS Consultants advised Dublin City Council in relation to the Poolbeg incinerator. At this stage the Poolbeg incinerator was being considered by An Bord Pleanala.

## Incineration Costs TOO MUCH

### ■ Cost to Taxpayer = **over €61.5million**

AT 2006 market prices of €17/tonne, it will cost the Irish tax payer over €61.5mil in current monetary terms to subsidise carbon credit purchase for the incinerator over 25 years.

### ■ Cost to Environment = **Global Warming, Flooding**

- ◇ There is scientific consensus that increases in CO2 levels cause global warming.
- ◇ The Ringaskiddy incinerator will emit almost 145,000 tonnes of CO2 per annum (fig. from Indaver EIS), adding at least 3,625,000 tonnes of CO2 to Irelands output over a 25 year lifespan. Indavers figure excludes CO2 emissions from burning paper, cardboard and some other forms of waste.
- ◇ Numerous reports have pinpointed the Ringaskiddy area as highly vulnerable to the effects of climate change, with experts predicting severe flooding and a rise in sea levels of a projected 28-43cm in the next 40 years.
- ◇ The incinerator site is just 5cm above the current high water mark and already flooded in October 2004 (photo).
- ◇ These flood levels would result in the entire hazardous waste storage area being flooded.



*"It is considered that the site, by reason of its topographical, geological and hydrogeological characteristics, and the risk of erosion and flooding, would be fundamentally unsuitable to accommodate the proposed development."*

*Philip Jones, An Bord Pleanala Report*

### ■ Cost to Human Health = **Too High**

- ◇ Incinerators have been well documented as causing damage to human health and have been extensively linked to birth defects, respiratory disorders, immune and reproductive system disorders, and certain cancers - including lung cancer.
- ◇ Irish Health Information Systems cannot support routine monitoring of people living near waste sites.

*"There is some evidence that incinerator emissions may be associated with respiratory morbidity. A number of well-designed studies have reported associations between developing certain cancers and living close to incinerator sites."*

*Government Commissioned Health Review Board Report, Feb 2003*



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