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There are a number of legal actions underway:

1) ECJ decision from June 2005. The Court ruled that Ireland had failed to respect Dir.76/464/EEC (dangerous substances) because it had not put in place an authorisation system for local authority sewage discharges. The Commission has since sent two warnings to Ireland for not implementing the judgment. New Irish legislation has been drafted. Under this, all sewage discharges will have to be licensed and the licences will have to be based on water quality objectives and will have to respect all relevant EU directives. The licensing authority will be the Environmental Protection Agency. The legislation is due to be adopted in September though, as there are about 2000 unlicensed sewage discharges, it will take a few years to complete the licensing process (bigger discharges to be licensed first).

2) Procedure for non-respect of the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive, 91/271/EEC. Many Irish towns have not met deadlines to build and operate sewage treatment plants. A final warning was sent this summer. We are already in Court for about 6 towns.

Best regards,

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What has the outcome of this been? I never had a reply.

Ciao! Ciao!

Klaus (Greek: 'Victory of the People)