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Please find my comments on EPA Review now in session.

(1) Give the EPA the executive power to close either temporarily or permanently a licenced facility which is acting in a non compliant manner.

(2) the Board of Directors of the Environmental Protection Agency comprises all Executive Directors. There are no independent non-executive directors on the Board and this is not an appropriate Board composition especially for a State Board. Non-executive directors are ESSENTIAL on a Board.

The non-executive's role is an over-viewer and whistle blower, ensuring adherence to good practice, respect for the interests of other stakeholders and adherence to the process of boardroom discipline. If they are not in existence on a Board, especially such an extremely important organisation such as the EPA with responsibility for air, water.... life basically, then what future have we??

(3) In essence the EPA are a self regulating body and I have it in writing from Minister John Gormley, T.D. that the EPA is not his responsibility. So, who are they responsible to ? By all accounts it appears that they are a self policing agency. Is this what we want for our environment???

Rergards

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