



**Interview with Mr. Mike McEnery, Clare County Council Engineer.**

**Q. What is your involvement with the dump in Ennis?**

**A.** The waste disposal facility in Doora might be called a dump, but the new facility in Inagh is a Modern Landfill. To dump waste anywhere, everyone, even the County Council has to have a licence from the Environment Protection Agency (E.P.A). My job was to get the licence and make sure that we comply with all the conditions of it.

**Q. Why does the dump have to move from Doora to Inagh?**

**A.** There are two main reasons. One is that the local people got a High Court injunction to stop dumping at Doora because of the effect on their environment and the other is that the E.P.A has required Clare County Council to close the facility at Doora and to clean up the area. The new modern landfill at Inagh is being built to take the place of the dump at Doora.

**Q. When will the new dump open?**

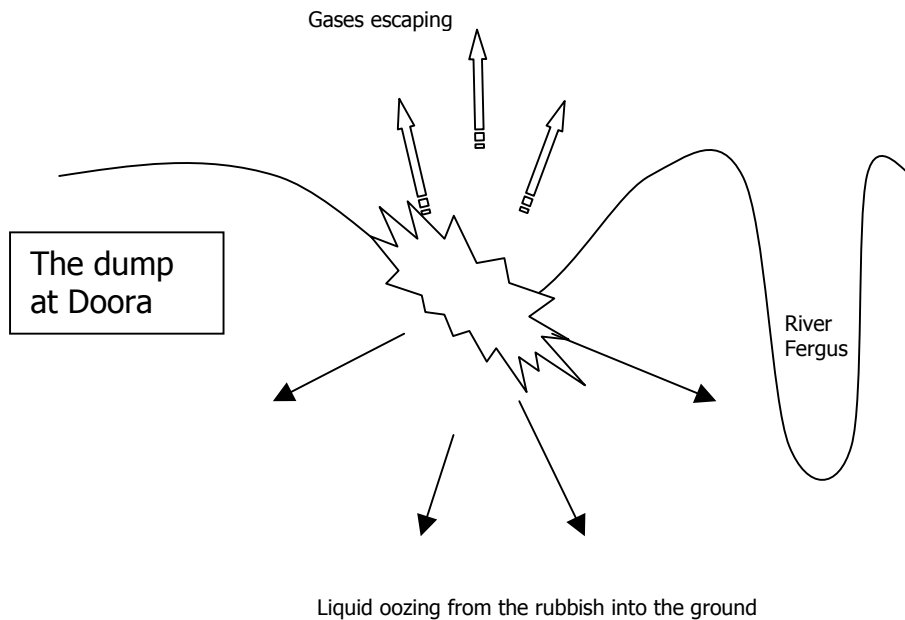
**A.** The new modern landfill facility at Inagh has been delayed by objections from various groups, like the residents and farmers of the area. But the Doora dump must be closed soon and the facility in Inagh should be ready by June.

**Q. What actions did the resident's of Inagh take to stop the work?**

**A.** The local people went through court cases to try to stop the works, they also stood in front of machines when the road works started.

**Q. You have been referring to a Modern Landfill Facility in Inagh, how is this different from the dump?**

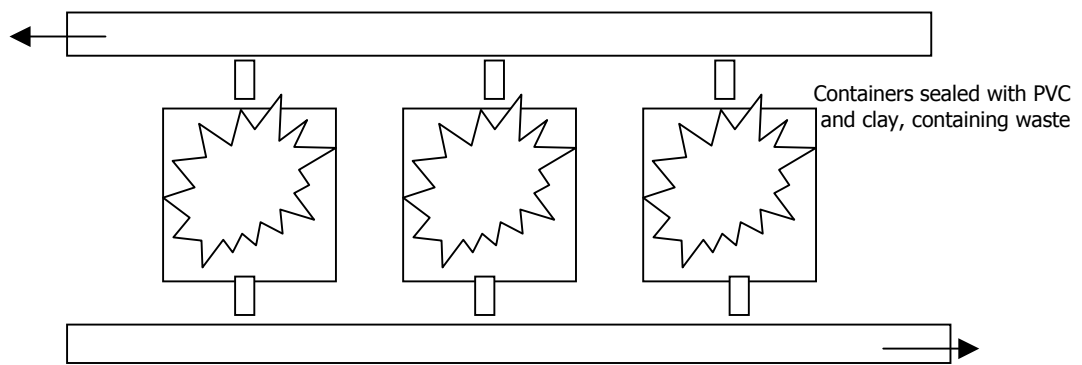
**A.** A diagram will help.



At Doora, the rubbish was just dumped on the land. Eventually, soil was thrown on to cover it, but the liquids oozing out just went into the ground and eventually into the river Fergus. There was also gas escaping, causing a horrible smell. When the rubbish wasn't covered, birds and other animals came and spread it around. Covering it helped, but the problems were still there.

**The modern Landfill facility in Inagh**

Gases collected for burning in the generator



Water is collected and taken away by tanker

In Inagh, all the rubbish will be put into sealed cells. Liquid ooze will be collected in pipes and collected in tankers to be taken to a waste water treatment facility in Ennis. The gases are collected and will be burned on site to generate electricity. There will be no impact on the environment, no smell and no oozing of liquid into the water table.